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of the

PORTLAND, ME., BRUNS FAMILIES, INCLUDING THE BRONS VARIATION,

in

DENMARK and AMERICA

1739 - 1956

Deals with the Danish background and lineage of the families of Jens Nielsen Brøns, Jef Sørensen Brøns, Elias Nielsen Brøns and Mads Nielsen Brøns, sons of Niels Andersen Terp of Brøns, Denmark, and the settlement, genealogy and descendants of these families in the U. S. Embraces the records of 24 immigrant members of the families, 4 with wives and the widow of another, who emigrated to Portland in 1861-1890

A new issue, meeting the requirements of new information adapted to a revision of and superseding that published under the general title Bruns-Brons Genealogy 1954

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To the Fathers

"Gone on Through Sad Mysterious
Mists Into The Great Brightness."

---Will Carleton.

EXTRACTS FROM THE FOREWORD TO THE FIRST ISSUE

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This manuscript is a private collection of genealogical information and family history which has been prepared to preserve for posterity all that I have been able to learn about the Bruns and Brons families. It is built upon a 1920 over-all description of the families, their origin and descent, as told the compiler by Niels Anderson Nelson Bruns, eldest son of Jens. The plan for the genealogy suggested itself to the compiler then, when it was learned that the different families of the name Bruns in the Portland, Me. area---the immigrant progenitor of the related Brons families of west-coast areas, came to Portland and there used the name Bruns---were all descended from the same common "old country" ancestor. It seemed to the compiler that such a fine, large and interesting family deserved to have its history recorded in commemoration of its fathers. This paper is a tardy beginning in that direction. The knowledge gleaned in 1920 was supplemented off and on for thirty-odd years and has been greatly augmented and in most part corroborated during the past fifteen months by: contributions from many other members of the family; by records from the parish church register at Bruns, Denmark; and by a limited research into vital and other records. The information may be considered to be as of mid-1954.

I have endeavored to get information from as many sources as possible, particularly an appropriate history of each family from representative members among the descendants of the original families, in an effort to verify statements and to ensure maximum accuracy. However, being of limited pecuniary means, I have not made an exhaustive search of vital records, nor have I verified those records provided by others. Principal and doubtful records have been documented wherever possible, in an attempt to eliminate all guesswork and make the record as complete and reliable as possible within the means available to me.

Omissions and incomplete records are for the most part due to neglect on the part of those failing to respond to letters of inquiry. Letters describing the work and requesting information were sent to all members of the family personally known to me and to many others whose addresses were provided. Some have refused through neglect or a lack of interest to furnish information requested. If errors exist in names and dates, it is because I have reported what has been imparted to me by those who appeared best informed. The compiler will be glad to have any inaccuracies brought to his attention so that they may be corrected by circular letter.

I have endeavored to present the information in an orderly manner, and with due regard for the rights of the individuals as respects the privacy of their personal lives, yet to account for all descendants of the surname Bruns and Brons. The lack of interest by some, however, has added to the burden, making it necessary to obtain required information solely from public records.

While parts are fragmentary, the material will serve the purpose of aiding, and it is hoped of encouraging, some member of the family with the means as well as the bent, in preparing a more worthy work. For the present, however, the facts herein presented will keep the fathers in honored remembrance.

Glen Burnie, Maryland
October 1954

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PREFACE to the SECOND ISSUE

Owing to the demand for copies of the earlier work from sources outside the families, the compiler acquired the desire to enhance its usefulness by furthering the work therein begun. The earlier work, compiled and prepared as it was primarily as a private family history and acknowledged incomplete, contained many deficiencies and much conjectural material in the pre-emigration histories of the many Danish-born members of the families. It has been the primary endeavor since, therefore, in spite of poor health, to obtain precise information about the background of the families in Denmark, without which the history of their origin and descent of the members is obviously incomplete. No easy job because of the complexity of name changes.

Having acquired a wealth of new information demanding inclusion in the work as a consequence of the follow-up research, and a few records provided by others needing revision, the compiler deemed it encumbent upon him to take in hand a new book in which the new information is adapted with a revision of that already published. This seemed the more necessary because of the nature of the information collected. The new work, presented under a slightly different title but new plan to meet the requirements of the new information, supersedes the earlier. It is divided into two parts; the first dealing with the background and lineage of the families in Denmark, the second with the settlement, genealogy and descendants of the immigrant families.

The new information, chiefly from Danish parochial registers, here presented for the first time to researchers and families alike, fills many deficiencies and corrects a few errors in the previously published history of all the immigrant members of the families born Brøns, and enlarges upon their ancestry. It goes far towards eliminating all conjectural material to be found in the earlier work and allows of a more finished form being given the book. The favorable reception of the earlier work has assured the designed purpose of perpetuating the memory of the family fathers. And the increase and diffusion of family knowledge among the members resulting from its distribution among them, has awakened new interest in family ties.

My sincere thanks to Pastors K. Riisberg Jensen, Anders Malling and Fred. Nicolaisen, Rectors of the parishes of Rapsted, Brøns and Ballum respectively, in Denmark, to whom we are deeply indebted for certified records and documentary letters containing factual information from their respective parish registers. We are further indebted to Pastor Jensen for photographs and a description of the Rapsted Bruns' ancestral home, and to Pastor Malling for a copy of his article "Brøns."

My obligations are again acknowledged to the many members of the families who kindly cooperated by furnishing material; all are referred to in the enumerations. Above all grateful acknowledgement is made to Mrs. A. Iver (Ebbesen) Poulsen for her time and correspondence in collecting information and discussing problems. And to Miss Agnes Brons, by whose courtesy we have the translations from the Danish. The descendants are indebted to all for this opportunity to know their ancestors.

Glen Burnie, Maryland.
March, 1956

Kenneth S. McCann

Explanations

Each person of the surname Bruns, Brons, and Brøns (the latter includes male ancestors of other surnames), is given a consecutive number in the order of his recording, his number being used when reference is made to him. This number may be found in the index. The symbol # before the consecutive number denotes that the full record of the person named will be found under this number appearing in the center of a page further on.

Male and female lines are traced as far as practicable. Females are noted in their proper place. The full history of the descendants of females is noted in the mother's record.

The American history of each immigrant person named Bruns or Brons (Brøns in Denmark), including immigrant female lines, begins on a new, generally odd-numbered, page; each such record being separate and complete, arranged in the order of their recording in the Danish genealogy. The immigrant female lines are sub-headed by the surname of the husband, where married. For arrangement and check-list of the immigrant persons whose records are contained in the American genealogy, see page 29.

In the enumerations of the American lines, the lists of children state the given names only; the surname will be found in each instance immediately preceding the lists. In the female lines, children are numbered in parenthesis, viz: (1) (2) (3), etc., and the names are underscored; the grandchildren with numerals, viz: (I) (II) (III), etc., and in capitols; the great-grandchildren, viz: (A) (B) (C), etc.; and great-great-grandchildren, viz: (a) (b) (c), etc.

Special Abbreviations

b.---born
bapt.---baptized, baptism
conf.---confirmed, confirmation
d.---died
d.y.---died young
m.---married
n.m.---never married
unm.---unmarried
Bapt.---Baptized
Conf.---Confirmed

(*)Symbols:
Bapt.R.---Baptismal Record
B.R.---Birth Record
C.E.---Census Enumeration
Conf.R.---Confirmation Record
Dep.R.---Departure Record
D.R.---Death Record
F.R.---Family Record
G.R.---Grave Record
M.R.---Marriage Record
N.R.---Naturalization Record

Jens., Mall., and Nico.; and Andr. and Kolp.---Refers to Pastors K. Riisberg Jensen, Anders Malling, and Fred. Nicolaisen, Rectors of the Danish parishes of Rapsted (Ravsted), Brøns and Ballum, in Nordslesvig, respectively; and to Pastors M. Lomholt Andersen and Leif Kolpen, Rectors of the Danish parishes of Skuldelev (Selsø Pastorat pr. Krogstrup) and Ourø (Orø pr. Holbæk), in Seeland (Sjælland), respectively.
Land.A., Land.C. and Land.V.---Refers to the Landsarkivet for North Schleswig (Nordslesvig) at Aabenraa, Seeland at Copenhagen (København), and Jutland (Jylland) at Viborg, Denmark, respectively.

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*Certificates, documentary letters, and other papers collected from official sources in documenting records identified by the above symbols, excepting only the symbol F.R., will be deposited with the New England Historic Genealogical Society, of Boston, Mass.

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BRØNS KIRKE

BRØNS CHURCH

Brøns church pictured above, one of the stateliest and most romantic of country churches in Denmark, is a veritable museum in itself. The main building, constructed of Rhineland Tufa, dates from the 12th century. The lofty bell tower containing 3 bells and a 300 year old clock with four dials, having been added about 1500. In olden days it was the district church for Hviding District, which may account for its large size. There are 74 pews which date from 1700. Its pulpit is a piece of Renaissance work from 1605. The altar piece is from 1634. When the edifice was restored in 1948, the church's old monstrance---a hollow oaken block with old paintings---was found hidden in the altar. Old paintings of religious subjects dating from before the Reformation; portraits of Luther and Melanchton; beamed ceiling with painted arabesques dating from 1694; chandelier from about 1700; Epitaphs from 1668; organ facade from 1699, and old granite baptismal font, elaborate carvings, friezes, painted-glass windows and lectern, adorn the interior. A tourist's attraction, this medieval church is of particular interest to the descendants, for not only did it see the struggle for religious freedom under the Reformation, but it also was the scene of their ancestor's baptism.*

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*See Anders Malling's "Brøns."

Additions & Corrections

No.1; Pages 8 & 21 at "Anders Brodersen Andersen" and page 61 at "Lawyer Anderson":
"I knew there was some connection between the (Bruns) family and Brodersen Andersen---they always attended the family picnics---and it is explained in the new (issue of the genealogy) list; Albert Anderson, a lawyer, is his son." (See No.4).

---"Laura Poulsen" (Mrs. Laura V. (Ebbesen) Poulsen)

No.2; Page 8, 5th par.:
"Cotter Nis Peder Nielsen at Calvslund (var. Kalvslund) was the son of Niels Nielsen Brodersen and Maren Hansdatter (Maren, nee Hansen) at Ravning in the parish of Bredsten."

---Landsarkivet, Viborg, Denmark
(5 May 1956)

No.3; Page 52, 4th par.:
"RASMUS BRODERSEN, age 21 from Copenhagen, (embarked at Copenhagen), 12 Feb. 1869, destination Chicago, Ill. (Note- He thus would have been born about 1848, not 1843, were his age correctly stated at emigration, but at the time of his marriage (1874) he himself stated his age as '32' and his son George wrote this compiler that his 'father was born 4 May 1843').
"I have searched for Rasmus (var. Aasmus) Brodersen in all the parishes .....(here thirty are named) close to Ribe, and in Ribe Sc. Catharina but he was not born there either. I have found a lot of people named Brodersen in the parish of Jernved, but in none of them was Rasmus Brodersen mentioned as being godfather to their children. The names Aasmus and Brodersen are also very common in the west coast of Sønderjylland (South Jutland) and Sydslevig (South Schleswig)."

---Landsarkivet, Viborg, Denmark
(5 & 25 May, and 23 July, 1956)
(Udvan.C. 20 July 1956)

No.4; Page 61, 3d par.:
"Betty and Annie Jacobsen, sisters (of the Westbrook-Portland, Me. area), were said by Betty Larson, daughter of the former, to have been 'cousins' to Niels A. N. Bruns(15); Annie Jacobsen was said to have married a Mr. Johnson of Westbrook." (See No.1).

---"Minnie" (Mrs. Minnie E. (Bruns) Bradbury)

Udvan.C.---Refers to letter of Udvandrerarkivet, Copenhagen, Denmark, 20 July 1956, addressed to Landsarkivet, Viborg, Denmark, and attached to the latter's letter of 23 July 1956, quoting the record of emigration in Statens Udvandringkontor, København Ø., Landsgade 9. (Journal No.II.K.1.).

No.5; Page 69, 4th par. under 'LAURA VOLBINA':
Mr. A. Iver Poulsen's "---brother Frank Edward Poulsen resides in Ft. Worth, Tex.; another, Arnold Poulsen in Long Beach, Calif.; and a sister Mrs. Helga K. Nielsen, widow of N. N. John (M.D.), formerly of Chicago, Ill., in Oakland, Calif. Norris Poulsen (Mayor of Los Angeles) is the son of (Mr. Poulsen's) father's oldest brother who went west probably about the 1840's."

---"Iver Poulsen" (A. Iver Poulsen)

No.6; Page 74, 5th par.:
The list of the children of Laust Christian Møller and his 2d wife Caroline, nee Sørensen, should include not only Andreas Christian and Marianna as already listed, but also: "---Elise (Møller) Iversen, b. 25 Apr. 1861; Lauritz C. Møller, b. 3 May 1864; and Caroline (Lena) B. Schmedegaard, nee Møller (pages 13 & 74), b. 19 March 1870 in Lund, a village near-by to Hostrup in Tønder County, Denmark, the only child of these parents born after Schleswig was taken by Prussia."

---"Lena" (Mrs. Lena B. (Møller) Schmedegaard)
(Apr. 1956; Portland, Me. dateline.)

No.7; Page 90, 6th par. & footnote:
"The place 'Ruskenbjerg' in Fyn, is an old grave-mound so-called. I do not know in which parish 'Ruskobjerg' might be. I have searched all parishes having a village with a name like that without success. I have searched for Jasper Carlsen's birth in.....(here eight parishes are named) parishes which have villages whose names were like 'Ruskobjerg', but he was not born there. After that I looked for him in.....(here ten more parishes are named) parishes.
"I did find in the parish of Bindslev, a Jens Peter Carlsen (not known to be related to Jasper Carlsen) who was born 9 Apr. 1854 at Ejaas; his parents were Carl Anton Jensen and Inger Marie Jensen.
"Jasper Carlsen was not found in Udvandringsarkivet."

---Landsarkivet, Viborg, Denmark
(5 May & 23 July, 1956)
(Udvan.C. 20 July 1956)

No.8; Page 91:
At 'Jasper Carlsen' heading the list of his children, change the spelling of the surname to 'Carlson'; in the list of children note the following:
At 'i CARRIE,[2]' read:

i CAROLINE M.,[2] ('Carrie'), d. ('Caroline M. Carlson') 24 Nov. 1889, aged 6 years 7 months. D.R.

At 'ii JULIA,[2]'; after the date of birth insert the symbol B.R.

At 'iii LILLIAN,[2]; after the date of birth insert the symbol B.R.

No.9; Page 104, 2d par.:
* HANNAH MARIA GREGOR as she was known in the U. S.: "Born 8 Feb. 1871 (not 1870) at Troltofthede (not Holstebro) in the parish of Vind, Ringkøbing County, (North Jutland), Denmark, and baptized Johanne Marie Grydgaard 29 Feb. in the church of Vind,"(Bapt.R.), emigrated to Portland, Me. with her parents in Apr. 1879, via Copenhagen, Denmark and Halifax, Cda.

She was the daughter of: "Jens Grygaard (Anglicized 'John Gregor' in the U. S.) and Marianne, nee Larsen ('Marie Gregor, nee Larsen' in the U. S.) from Torsted (var. Thorsted), who married 5 June 1868 in the church of Vind. Sponsors at their wedding were: The teacher Christen Grygaard from Vind and Christen Pedersen from Vinding."M.R.

"Jens Grydgaard (the father) was born 12 Jan. 1843 at Grydgaard in the parish of Ulfborg (var. Ulvborg), Ringkøbing County, baptized 19 Feb. in the church of Ulfborg. Godfathers: Marianne Grydgaard at gl. Mølle (of Old Mill), Poul Christensen Poulsgaard, Bertel Bentsen, Søren Lilletang and Karen Grydgaard.Bapt.R. His parents were: The teacher Christen Jensen Grydgaard who died 15 March 1876 at Vind aged 61-1/2 years, born at Ulfborg.(D.R.), and Maren Christiansdatter (Maren Christiansen), whose death could not be found in the parishes of Vind and Vinding before the year 1891.

"Marianne Larsen (the mother) was born 1 May 1842 at Ulfborg and baptized 12 June in the church of Ulfborg.Bapt.R. She was confirmed in the parish of Torsted where her father at the time was a cottager in the village of Bækdal. Her parents were: The cottager Lars Pedersen and Johanne Marie Christensdatter (Johanne Marie Christensen) who married 29 Sept. 1839 at Ulfborg, she 23 years old and a widow, he 26 years old.M.R.

"Landarbejder (Land-workman) Jens Grygaard(sic), 36 years old from Vind Parish, Ringkøbing County, (embarked at Copenhagen), with his family (embracing his wife 'Marie Grygaard, age 36' and all seven children listed hereinafter), 3 Apr. 1879, for Halifax, (N.S.), Cda.Udvan. C.

"Their children:

(Children of Jens Grygaard and wife Marianne ('Marie'), surname Grydgaard, born in Denmark (Grygaard in Danish emigration record)

i "Maren Grydgaard, b. 17 June 1868 at Røjkær (var. Røjkier), bapt. 2 Aug. in the church of Vind. Godfathers: Christian Grydgaard and Ove Krarup Grydgaard. Jens Grydgaard (the father) then was a cottager at Røjkær in the parish of Vind.Bapt.R. (Said to have m. a Mr. Garsoe and to have lived in or near Falmouth, Me.---The Compiler).

ii "Søren Christian Grydgaard, b. 23 Oct. 1869 at Troltoft (var. Troldtoft), bapt. 23 Nov. in the church of Vind. Among the godfathers was: Johanne Marie Christensen from Torsted.Bapt.R. (Possibly yet living at Yarmouth, Me.---Marie C. Brons).

* iii "Johanne Marie Grydgaard, b. 8 Feb. 1871 (not 1870) at Troltofthede (not Holstebro), bapt. 29 Feb. in the church of Vind. Godfathers: Johanne Marie Christensen from Torsted, Ove Krarup Grydgaard.Bapt.R.

iv "Jens Ægidius ('Egedius' **) Grydgaard, b. 1 Sept. 1872 at Troltofthede, bapt. 8 Sept. in the church of Vind. Godfathers: Johanne Marie Christensen from Torsted, Christian Grydgaard.Bapt.R. (Living in Mass.---Marie C. Brons).

** As in the records of the Udvandrerarkivar at Copenhagen.

Marie C. Brons---Refers to Mrs. Marie C. (Bruns) Brons (Mrs. Hans N. Brons) of Solvang, Calif., daughter of Anders N. and Hannah M. (Gregor) Bruns.

v "Ane Katrine (Cathrine **) Grydgaard, b. 19 Dec. 1873 at Troltofthede, bapt. 3 Apr. 1874 in the church of Vind. The teacher's wife Maren Grydgaard, and Ove Krarup Grydgaard, were among the godfathers. Bapt R. ('Tina'; living in Mass.---Marie C. Brons).

vi "Poul Johannes Grydgaard, b. 10 Jan. 1875 at Vind, bapt. 29 March in the church of Vind.

vii "Niels Grønfeld ('Granfeldt' **) Grygaard, b. 16 Jan. 1877 at Vind, bapt. 1 Apr. in the church of Vind. In 1877 Jens Grydgaard (the father) was a leaser in the village of Vind." Bapt.R. (Living in Portland, Me.---Marie C. Brons).

(Notes- I do not know where Amanda (m. and now d.); Laura (m. and now d.); John Maurice Dozine Gregor (d. years ago); and Amelia ('Millie') (m. ------- Peterson and living in Portland, Me.), were born.---Marie C. Brons.
There were no 'Grygaards' at all in the churchbooks of Holstebro. Land.V.
There is no information as to whether Johanne Marie Christensdatter had children by her former marriage.)

---Landsarkivet, Viborg, Denmark
(23 July 1956)
(Udvan.C. 20 July 1956)

No.10; Page 122, 1st par.:
* "HANS CHRISTIAN LUND was born 29 Sept. 1856 at Andholm (sic) in the parish of Østerløgum, (North Schleswig), Denmark. He was the son of Peter Madsen Lund, a lodger at Andholm, and his wife Anna Christina Bendixen(sic). B.R.
"The children of Peter Madsen Lund and Anna Christina Bendixen:

(Born in Denmark, surname Lund)

i "Peder Madsen Lund, (b. 1839/40); in the (Danish) census of 1845 was said to be 5 years old but he was not born in Korup. He may have been born about 1839.

ii "Matthias Peter Lund, b. 16 Feb. 1841 at Rabsted (Ravsted). B.R.

iii "Christian Matzen(sic) Lund, b. 16 Feb. 1841 (evidently a twin) at Korup in the parish of Rabsted. B.R. (Had twin boys, Christian and Jens by 2d wife; the son Christian visited the (Lund) family at Scarborough, Me. for a year then returned to Denmark.---Annie M. Johnson).

iv "Martin Lund, b. 31 Jan. 1843 at Korup. B.R. (Believed to be the first of the family to come to the U. S.; settled in the mid-West.---Annie M. Johnson).

v "Anne Christina Lund, b. 5 Jan. 1847 at Østerløgum. B.R. (Emigrated to the U. S. also and settled in South Dakota; m. -------Smith; d. long before Hans.---Annie M. Johnson).

vi "Maria Christina Lund, b. 29 June 1849 at Andholm. B.R.

vii "Jens Madsen Lund, b. 24 March 1852 at Andholm. B.R. (Emigrated to the U. S. and settled in Tacoma, Wash.; d. shortly after Hans.---Annie M. Johnson).

viii "Marie Lene Lund, b. 29 July 1854 at Andholm. B.R.

* ix "Hans Christian Lund, b. 29 Sept. 1856 at Andholm." B.R.

Annie M. Johnson---Refers to Mrs. Annie M. (Lund) Johnson (Mrs. Niels S. Johnson), daughter of Hans C. and Else C. (Brons) Lund, of South Portland, Me.

(Note- The only one of the family I have ever seen is Christian, son of father's brother Christian. We were the only Lunds in Maine for a good many years. We have removed from Scarborough to South Portland, Me.----Annie M. Johnson.)

---Landsarkivet, Viborg, Denmark
(5 May 1956)

No.11; Page 137, at 199(1)(I):-
At list of children surname 'Smith' add:

(B)Sandra Jean, b. 5 Apr. 1956.

No.12; Page 139, at 204(4):-
At list of children, surname 'Nearhood' add:

(V)KEVEN JOHN, b. 15 May 1956 at Buckley, Wash.

No.13; Page 139, at 204(5):-
At "John Marshall Carte" read:

James Marshall Carte, b. 30 July 1930 at Nallen, W. Va.

No.14; Page 80, 1st par.:
"My mother (LOUISE H. F. HELGENSTYLE BRUNS) was born 12 Oct. 1854 in the town of Oberntalle (? spelling), Denmark, the daughter of Frederick A. Helgenstyle, weaver, and wife Sophie Ahle. She was one of four sisters who came to Portland, Me.; the others were: Betty (Helgenstyle) Anthoensen; Minnie (Helgenstyle) Anderson; and Amelia (Helgenstyle) Thims. Another sister and their brothers went to Brazil, South America."

---"Elsie L. Warburg" (Mrs. Elsie L. (Bruns) Warburg)

No.16; PEDERSEN-ANDERSEN GENEALOGY, Pages 149/150:

"Anders Pedersen age 26, farmer in Skuldelev, and Ane Sophie Olsen (Ane Sophie Olsdatter) age 28, farmer in Kattinge, Ole Hansen's daughter, were married 18 Dec. 1841 in Herslev parish church." M.R. (From Herslev-Gevninge Pastorat)

"Ane Sophie Olsen (Ane Sophie Olsdatter) was baptized at home 31 Oct. 1813 in the church of Herslev, 5 Dec. 1813, daughter of Ole Hansen, farmer, who had removed therefrom, and wife Marie, nee Larsen (Larsdatter), of Kattinge; presented by (Godmother) Peder Hansen's wife from Karleby. Godparents (The witnesses): Peder Hansen of Karleby, Christen Jensen, Lars Jørgensen and Lars Fridrichsen all of Kattinge." (From Lands.C.)

"We can conclude that Ane Sophie Olsen was born in Kattinge, in Herslev parish, on 31 Oct. 1813, or at least one of the last days in Oct. 1813, for it was then the custom for the child to be baptized on the day of birth, often by the midwife and to be presented in the church later."

---Pastor M. Lomholt Andersen
Skuldelev-Krogstrup Pastorat

PART I

THE BACKGROUND and LINEAGE of THE FAMILIES in DENMARK

(Deals with the origin and Danish descendants of Niels Andersen-Terp, of the town and parish of Brøns, Denmark, common ancestor of all the Bruns and Brons families enumerated in this genealogy, who settled in Brøns in 1819.)

Introduction

The ancestral home of the families lies in Brøns, parish town of the Seaside parish of that name, situated in the northwestern part of the South Jutland Province of Schleswig (Slesvig), now commonly called North Schleswig. All Schleswig, a duchy of Denmark until 1864 when it was taken by Prussia and Austria, was annexed to Prussia in 1866 as part of the province of Schleswig-Holstein. In 1920 as a result of a plebiscite held in accordance with the Treaty of Versailles, the northern zone was returned to Denmark. Always Danish-minded, the parish voted 95 percent Danish for the return of Schleswig in 1920. It is significant that none of the emigrant persons named in this work were born in the southern zone since remaining under German control, including intermarrying families. With two or three exceptions only, the emigrant members of the families were born before Schleswig was taken by Prussia, and with the exception of one family which emigrated in 1861, all who came from Schleswig fled from there after it was annexed to Prussia. In many instances, however, American records state that persons were born in Germany; Schleswig, Germany; or in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, when in fact they were born in Schleswig, Denmark.

Situated ten miles south of Ribe, Brøns Parish has as its western border, the Vadehavet---a name given to the North Sea along the coast where the shore is flat and at low tide the water so shallow one may wade to the adjacent islands. The eastern border adjoins Vodder, the northern Rejsby and the south Skærbæk parishes. Besides the town of Brøns situated in its midst, the parish embraces the villages of Søndernæs and Astrup in the southwestern part and Havervad and Vester Aabølling---now protected from spring tides by King Christian X's dikes---in the northwestern part. The southeastern part of the parish is occupied by "Brøns Woods"; a plantation grown up since 1882, for which the commune is indebted to the millers Lydik and Aage Jacobsen, father and son.*

Over half the inhabitants of the parish live in the town of Brøns---a charming village with rich orchards, delightful park and sundry monuments. Called "Kongelev" in Valdemar Sejr's landbook, Brøns got its name from Brytyenæs---the headland or point where the king's steward, Bryden, lived---which by degrees became "Brønæs" and finally "Brøns." In olden days the town was the site for the king's water-gristmill, to which the whole district was "mill-bound."*

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*See "Brøns" by Anders Malling, Sognepræst, Brøns, Denmark.

It is this little parish town of Brøns that we are presently concerned with, for there it was the progenitors of the emigrant families and some of their progeny were born and grew to manhood. Its historic old church, dating from the Middle Ages, was the scene of their baptism and confirmation. Their parents---the ancestor, Niels Andersen-Terp(6) and wife Else---were married in its church and settled in Brøns in 1819.

The American surnames Bruns and Brons are but variations of the family name which appears in Danish as "Brøns"; a surname formed not from the real name of the ancestor, but from the parish town of that name. Of the four brothers whose families emigrated to the U. S., the descendants of Jens(8), Jef(9), and Mads(13), use the Anglicized form (Bruns), while the descendants of Elias(10) use the variation Brons. Hence the general title Bruns-Brons-Brøns Genealogy.

The posterity of the ancestor in the U. S. is represented by the descendants of the four brothers named above. A fifth brother, Anders(12), died in Denmark without issue. Jef(9) died in Denmark also, but his widow and children emigrated to the U. S. Two of the ancestor's seven children, and two of Elias' four children, died in Denmark. Thus the American families have no Danish cousins named Brøns.

The real ancestral name of the families, it will hereafter be seen, is Andersen, but in consequence of the interchange of surnames, the family name of the progenitors of the emigrant families became "Brøns." The ancestor derived the name "Andersen" from his father, whose Christian name was "Anders," from the old custom of children being given a surname formed of their father's Christian name with the patronymic ending -sen. And from the additional custom of adding to the family name a descriptive surname used to distinguish different members of the same family, or individuals of the same name, the name Terp, relating to the place of birth, was added by the ancestor himself as a surname. Several other instances of these old customs will be found in the enumerations that follow. The earliest record of his use of the descriptive surname is in the baptismal record for the second son, Jens(8).

All but one of the ancestor's sons were baptized with a double surname. In four instances, the first of these was the family surname "Nielsen," formed of the father's Christian name, "Niels" with the patronymic ending -sen, in the same manner as the ancestor's, the other "Brøns," a descriptive surname relating to the place of birth and like the first, given to the sons only. One son, Jef(9), was given the family name "Sørensen" rather than "Nielsen"; children of the same family were sometimes given different surnames, other instances of which will also be found in the enumerations. Elias(10) was baptized "Elias Brøns" without the family surname "Nielsen." The lone girl was named "Terp." It has been implied that the name Nielsen would properly have been the real family name for the descendants of Jens(8), Elias(10) and Mads(13), and Sørensen the real family name for Jef's(9) descendants, which may well have been had the brothers not all been baptized with the descriptive surname Brøns. It is true, however, that Jens(8) was called "Nielsen" in at least one official record, and 4 of his 10 children were baptized as "Nielsen." Furthermore, Elias(10) was married under the surname "Nielsen" and 3 of his 4 children were also named "Nielsen." But the other Danish-born children of all the brothers were baptized "Brøns." All the brothers except Elias(10) were married in Denmark under their double surname. Jef(9) appears in one official record as "Sørensen." Today all Danish-born children are given the surname of the father.

First Generation

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1. **ANDERS[1]MADSEN**, grandfather of the Danish progenitors of the emigrant families, from the parish of Vejrup, Denmark, married EL LAURITZDATTER (El, Lauritz' daughter; nee Lauritsen, or possibly Lauritzen) from Terp, in the church at Bramming (var. Bramminge), Bramming Parish, Gørding District, Ribe County, 30 Oct. 1770. A farmer at Terp, he died there 7 May 1816; buried 12 May, aged 77 years (born 1739).Land.V.

El, "Laurs Nissen's child," was baptized 16 June 1743, in the church at Bramming. Her parents were: "Laurs Nissen from Nørhaa and Maren Nielsen ("Maren Nielsdatter") from Terp, who married 6 July 1739, in the church at Bramming." (El's death record could not be located). At her baptism her godparents were: "Mette Jepsdatter, Maren Christensdatter, Maren Hansdatter and Thomas Christensen."Land.V. and El's Bapt.R.

Children of Anders Madsen(1) and wife El
Bapt. in Bramming, Denmark (surname Andersen).Land.V.

2. i **MADS ANDERSEN**,[2] bapt. 4 July 1773. Godparents: "Laurs Guldbæk, Christen Hansen, Niels Nissen, Maren Jensdatter and Elle Marie Nisdatter."
3. ii **LAUST ANDERSEN**,[2] bapt. 19 Feb. 1775. Godparents: "Wife of Jens Smed; Niels Therkelsen, Christen Hansen, Niels Nissen, Laurs Guldbæk's wife; the wife of Hans Pedersen; and Johanne Poulsdatter."
4. iii **MAREN ANDERSDATTER**,[2] bapt. 12 Jan. 1777. Godparents: "Wife of Søren Hansen at Nørhaa; Jens Madsen from Vejrup; Christen Hansen, Niels Nissen and Elle Marie Hansdatter."
5. iv **JOHANNE ANDERSDATTER**,[2] b. 7 Nov. 1779 at Terp; bapt. 14 Nov.; d. 12 Jan. 1781, at Terp. Godparents: "Ingeborg Christensdatter, Maren Christensdatter, Ellen Christensdatter, Evald Andersen, Hans Hansen, Jens Christensen, Niels Therkildsen, Jens Madsen, and Niels Christensen."

\# 6. v **NIELS ANDERSEN**,[2] b. 25 July 1782, at Terp; bapt. 28 July. Godparents: "Kirsten Lauritzdatter, Ellen Christensdatter, Kirsten Nielsdatter, Mette Sørensdatter, Maren Christensdatter, Christian Lauritsen, Enevold Andersen and Niels Christiansen." The direct common ancestor of the emigrant families; he later added the descriptive surname "Terp."

Second Generation

6.

6. NIELS[2]ANDERSEN (Anders Madsen[1]), alias Niels Andersen-Terp, youngest son of Anders Madsen(1) and wife El, and the common ancestor of the several immigrant families, was born 25 July 1782, in the town of Terp, Bramming Parish, Gørding District, Ribe County, Denmark, and baptized "Niels Andersen" 28 July 1782, in the church at Bramming.Bapt.R. He ("Niels Andersen Terp") died in the town and parish of Brøns, (Hviding District, Tønder County), Denmark, 15 Sept. 1866, Cottager* and Annuitant in Brøns, aged 85-1/4 years.D.R.

(Note- Old traditions have it that the ancestor was a veteran of the Napoleonic wars in Russia---he had been with Napoleon I in 1812 and joined the group that fled to the Black Sea. After seven years absence he returned home to find that a brother had usurped his rightful inheritance of their father's estate, name and, according to one tradition, his betrothed. Angered, he renounced the family; left his ancestral home; went to the west coast of Slesvig, and there settled in the town of Brøns, where he changed his name.)

The ancestor ("Niels Andersen, aged 36, man-servant on a farm in Brøns") married, 12 Feb. 1819, in the church at Brøns, ELSE JENSDATTER NEDERBY (Else, Jens' daughter Nederby - nee Jensen Nederby), aged 23, from Nør Fardrup** Parish, maid-servant on a farm in Brøns.M.R. This record and the note hereafter concerning the arrival of the couple in January of the same year, is the earliest record of the families to be found in the town or parish of Brøns.

Else Jensdatter Nederby (var. Nederbye), was born in the town of Kærbøl (var. Kjærbøl), Farup** Parish, Ribe District, Ribe County, and was baptized 15 May 1796, in the church at Farup, daughter of Jens Christensen Nederby and wife Sidsel (var. Zidsel) Sørensdatter (Søren's daughter - nee Sørensen).Bapt. R. She was called "Elsa Maria" by the grandchildren

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*From the Danish "Husmand" (var. Huusmand); a small holder, has a house, a farm, may have a few cows.
**See footnote, next page.

"Else Jensdatter" died 13 Jan. 1854, aged 57, in the town and parish of Brøns, "Cotter Niels Andersen Terp's wife in Brøns, born in Nør Fardrup, daughter of Jens Nielsen* there," after long-lasting suffering from rheumatism.D.R. and Mall.

Her father, Jens Christensen Nederby, Cottager and joiner at Kærbøl, in the parish of Farup, born in Ferring Parish, Vandfuld District, Ringkøbing County, was baptized 12 Mar. 1769 in the church at Ferring(Bapt.R.), son of Christen Madsen Nederby and Else Pedersen Søndergaard ("Else Pedersdatter Søndergaard") who married 5 Jan. 1762, at Ferring. Jens Christensen Nederby died 14 Aug. 1848, at Kærbøl; buried 18 Aug. in the parish of Farup. "The descriptive name 'Nederby' is the name of a village in the parish of Trans, not far from the parish of Farup; one of the ancestor's of Jens Christensen Nederby might have come from this village to Ferring." After the death of Christen Madsen Nederby (21 Nov. 1771 at Ferring, aged 42 years), "Else Pedersdatter Søndergaard" married, 8 Dec. 1775, Jonas Hansen, in the church at Ferring.Land.V.

Else's parents, Jens Christensen Nederby and Sidsel Sørensen ("Sidsel Sørensdatter") from Farup, married 29 Dec. 1795, in the church at Farup. The latter (Sidsel) was born in Farup Parish, Ribe District, Ribe County, and baptized 1 Oct. 1769, in the church at Farup(Bapt.R.), daughter of Søren Sørensen ("Søvren Søvrensen" in one record) and Birthe Andersen ("Birthe Andersdatter") at Farup, who married 6 Dec. 1760, in the church at Farup. Sidsel was buried 28 Nov. 1811, at Farup; her husband and the below-listed children survived her. Søren Jørgensen Toft at Kærbøl, became guardian to the children. After the death of Sidsel, Jens Christensen Nederby married, 21 May 1812, Else Christensen ("Else Christensdatter") from Kærbøl.Land.V.

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*In one or two instances, parochial registers at Brøns show Else (wife of Niels Andersen Terp) as: "Born in Nør Fardrup, daughter of Jens Nielsen." The Landsarkivar at Viborg reported on the discrepancy as follows: "Jens Nielsen was a cottager at Kærbøl, but he does not seem to have had a child Else. To be quite sure of the case, I looked in the record of the settlement of the

Jens Christensen Nederby and wife Sidsel had the following children (surname Jensen).Land.V.:

i Else Jensdatter, 15 years old in 1811. (b. in Kærbøl, Farup Parish; bapt. 15 May 1796, at Farup.Bapt.R.).
ii Birthe Marie Jensdatter, 13 years old in 1811.
iii Elisabeth Jensdatter, 11 years old in 1811.
iv Christen Jensen, 7 years old in 1811.

Pastor Anders Malling, Sognepræst, Brøns, Denmark, to whom we are indebted for his time spent in the search of the churchbooks at Brøns and his correspondence in the form of certified records and documentary letters, had the following to say concerning the ancestor and his wife:

"They settled in the town and parish of Brøns in 1819. They were married in Brøns Church 12 Feb. 1819---an added note in the register states: 'Both vaccinated 31 Jan. 1819, by Nis Petersen in Uldrup, but it was without effect as they both had had natural smallpox.' They therefore came in January. As their first child was born a month after the wedding, they knew each other before and came to Brøns in company with one another to found their home in a new place. He took the name Terp, as I had all along thought, from the little town of that name whereat he was born.

"At their wedding was Mattis (Mathias) Jensen and Lars Willadsen, sponsors. And when their first child (Anders Nielsen Brøns(7), born 16 Mar. 1819; died 19 Aug. 1830) was baptized, the child was presented by Maren (Godmother), Lars' wife from Holmgaard (a large farm in Brøns). Among the godfathers was Mathias Jensen, farmer and innkeeper in Brøns. I conclude thereby, that Else, Jens' daughter, had been in the service of Lars and Maren Willadsen at Holmgaard. Lars was an influential man in the parish and therefore was Else's sponsor (gave her away at marriage), and Maren was Godmother to (presented for baptism) their first child. Niels Andersen Terp worked for Mathias Jensen at the Inn, as the latter was his sponsor (best man) and later one of the godfathers to the first child. It could have been the other way around, that Niels had worked at Holmgaard and Else at the Inn, but it is not likely. At their first child's baptism also, was 'Elsbe, Jens' daughter from Farup,' a godmother also, that could suffice as a sister to Else.

"Niels Andersen Terp and Else, Jens' daughter, had constant communication with her family in Nør Farup.....With his family in Bramming there was no communication, which is in keeping with family tradition."

The ancestor's oldest living descendant is Hans Nissen Brons, youngest son of Elias(10), born 1871 in Abild, Denmark, and now living in California; one

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estate after him, when he died 6 July 1829. He left behind him a widow, Lene Christensdatter, but he had no children. I think it to be without any doubt, that Else Jensdatter, is the daughter of Jens Christensen Nederby and Sidsel Sørensdatter." Farup Parish is in North Jutland; variously referred to, as: "Nør Fardrup"; "Nør Farup"; and "Farup," in the records furnished.

of three descendants yet living who were born in the "old country" and one of only **two** born in Schleswig after it was annexed to Prussia.

Excepting only the son Anders N.(12), and the son Jef S.(9), all the ancestor's Danish-born descendants---rather, all others who did not die young---emigrated to Portland, Me., embracing three sons, two with wives, and the widow of another; nineteen grandchildren, one with wife; and two great-grandchildren. The American families herein enumerated have no Danish cousins of the surname Brøns. Anders N.(12) also came to Portland, but returned to Denmark after a few years and remained there; he had no issue.

(**Notes-** Research has established that the previously published belief of Niels A. N. Bruns(15) there was a son Søren, was unfounded. "There was not." Mall. "This is not the case; found no one of that name in the parish church-books, and I take it he never existed. I believe, therefore, that Niels A. N. Brøns' memory was confused, since on the other hand, there lived in the parish, not a brother to Jens Nielsen Brøns(8), but a brother to his father-in-law by the name of Søren Nicolaisen Schou, born in Roager Parish in 1794, married in Ballum on 29 Sept. 1822, to Maren, Jes' daughter, died in Ballum, 18 Nov. 1868, and he had three children, born 1823, 1826 and 1830."Nico.**
Of the three sons who died in the U. S., the parents are stated as: "Father, Nielson Bruns; Mother, Else Bruns," in the death record for Jens(8); as: "Father, Niels Bruns; Mother, unknown," in that for Mads(13); while in the death record for Elias(10), neither of the parents' names appear.)

Children of Niels Andersen-Terp(6) and wife Else
Born in Brøns, Denmark; sons bapt. Brøns, daughter bapt. Terp

7. i **ANDERS NIELSEN BRØNS**,3 b. 16 Mar. 1819, bapt. at home 19 Mar., in the church at Brøns, 12 Apr., 1819.Bapt.R. (The father is stated as: "Niels Andersen."). He d. in Brøns, 19 Aug. 1830 (aged 10 years 2 months 16 days(?)D.R.;the father stated as: "Niels Andersen Terp.").

8. ii **JENS*NIELSEN BRØNS**,3 b. 23 Mar. 1821 (not 1819 nor 1820).Bapt.R.

9. iii **JEF SØRENSEN BRØNS**,3 b. 25 May 1824.Bapt.R.

10. iv **ELIAS*BRØNS**,3 b. 29 Mar. 1827 (middle name lacking).Bapt.R.

11. v **CILLA MARIA TERP**,3 b. 23 Jan. 1830, bapt. in the church at Brøns, 28 Feb. 1830.Bapt.R. (The father stated as: "Niels Andersen Terp.") She d. 19 Feb. 1835, in Brøns, aged 5 years.D.R.

12. vi **ANDERS NIELSEN BRØNS**,3 b. 3 Aug. 1833, bapt. in the church at Brøns, 1 Sept. 1833.Bapt.R. (The father stated as "Niels Andersen Terp.")
Conf. 25 Mar. (not May) 1849 ("Anders Nielsen Terp") in the church at Brøns.Conf.R. (Here the father's name appears as in the Bapt.R.) An added note in the record states: "The Departure

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*Emigrated to the U. S.
**See note, page 11.

Register: 6 May 1850, he set out for Nør Fardrup, here also called "Anders Nielsen Terp' and designated as 'Joiner's Boy.'" He received the same name as the first son who died 3 years earlier.....The father's surname had therefore followed the children although he called them 'Brøns'. He had obtained an apprenticeship in his mother's home parish through connections with her family."Mall. (As Anders married under his baptismal name (Brøns), it is presumed the surname "Terp" appearing in his confirmation and departure records are errors in recording; there seems to be no record of his ever having used that name.)

He ("Anders Nielsen Brøns, bachelor, age 38") m., 9 June 1871, in the parish church at Rejsby, Hviding District, Denmark, MAREN (NIELSEN) ANDERSEN, widow, age 42, from Kjærbølling, b. in Jernvedlund, Jernved Parish, Jutland, daughter of Niels and Maren (Hansen) Brodersen. Sponsors: "J. A. Vortmann from Kjærbølling and Jep Sørensen from Brøns. He had no issue.M.R. and Land.A. They settled in Kjærbølling. (The "Jep Sørensen from Brøns" who was his sponsor, very probably was his brother Jef Sørensen Brøns from Brøns.)

Anders d. 13 Oct. 1884, aged 51 years, buried 18 Oct., farmer in Kjærbølling.D.R. The death record for his wife Maren (nee Nielsen) could not be located in the churchbooks for Rejsby Parish.Land.A.

Anders' wife Maren was first m. in Rejsby, 12 Nov. 1853, to Andreas Andersen, farmer and joiner in Kjærbølling, who d. 21 June 1867, aged 49 years. They had the following children; surname Andersen, b. in Kjærbølling.Land.A.:

i Karen Marie Andersen, b. 3 Aug. 1854; d. 18 Aug. 1855.
ii Anders Brodersen Andersen, b. 3 Mar. 1856.
iii Hans Nielsen Andersen, b. 31 July 1858.
iv Stillborn Girl, b. 6 July 1864.

Maren (Hansen) Brodersen, wife of Niels Brodersen and mother of Anders' wife Maren, d. in the home of her son-in-law, Anders Nielsen Brøns in Kjærbølling, 22 Nov. 1874, aged 85 years 8 months, b. in Store-Darum, 1789, bapt. 5 Apr., widow of Niels Brodersen in Jernvedlund, who d. there 30 years before. Besides her daughter Maren, she was survived by two sons: Farmer Hans Nielsen Brodersen in Jernvedlund, and Cotter Nis Peter Nielsen in Kalvslund.Land.A.

(Notes- Anders came to Portland, Me., with his brother Mads (13), probably in 1861, but returned to Denmark about 1870. He is said to have been in business with Mads in Market Square there, making show cases and piano-dulcimers, and earlier to have been to Australia with Mads. It has been confirmed that Mads at least was in business in Market Square making show cases at one time, and a son of Mads stated his father told him he had been to Australia.

Niels A. N. Bruns(15) informed the compiler in 1920 that his sister Lena m. Rasmus Brodersen, son of Anders' wife, but this has proven to be but partly true, since Rasmus Brodersen who m. Lena(14) was not the son of Anders' wife but possibly her nephew.)

13. vii MADS*NIELSEN BRØNS,3 b. 14 Feb. 1837.Bapt.R.

Third Generation

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*8. JENS[3]NIELSEN BRØNS (Niels Andersen-Terp,[2] Anders Madsen[1]), second son (the first died young) of Niels Andersen-Terp(6) and his wife Else, of the town and parish of Brøns, Denmark, and grandson of Anders Madsen(1) and his wife El, of Terp, Bramming Parish, Gørding District, Ribe County, Denmark, was born 23 Mar. 1821 (not 1819 nor 1820) in Brøns, and baptized at home 24 Mar., in the church at Brøns 23 Apr., 1821 ("Parents: Niels Andersen Terp and Else, Jens' daughter, Cottagers from the peasantry** in Brøns.").Bapt.R. He was confirmed 1836 in Brøns Church.Conf.R.

(Note- The confirmation and marriage records in Brøns and Ballum, Denmark, respectively, and the death record in Portland, Me., all are in error as to the year of Jens' birth. In addition, the confirmation record is in error as to the forename of the mother's father. In this connection, an added note on the baptismal certificate states: "Confirmation register for 1836 shows that 'Jens Nielsen Brøns, in Brøns, son of Niels Andersen Terp and Else, Niels' daughter in Brøns, born 23 Mar. 1820, and baptized 24 Mar., became confirmed in Brøns Church.' (As transferred the baptismal certificate is absolutely correct, and now having examined the books twice with a month's interval, it can be stated that there were two mistakes in the above-standing quotes about the confirmation. The year of birth is stated as 1820 but should be 1821. The mother's name is stated as Else, Niels' daughter, but should be Else, Jens' daughter.)"Mall.

Jens removed from Brøns Parish to Ballum Parish, Denmark, where on 18 Apr. 1850, he ("Joiner Jens Nielsen Brøns, single, born 1819 (sic, 1821) in Brøns Parish"), then of Harknag, Ballum Parish, married in the church at Ballum, KIRSTINE MARIE NICOLAISEN, single, of Harknag, Ballum, born 28 Oct. 1824, in Vesterende, Ballum.M.R.

Kirstine, formerly listed as "Kystine Maria Skov" was born in Vesterende, Ballum Parish, Tønder County, Denmark, "24 Oct. 1824" the daughter of Cottager

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*Emigrated to the U. S.
**From the Danish "Bondestand"; in olden days the peasantry---on the land; farmers, their families and servants.

Christen Nicolaisen and wife Voldborg, and baptized the same day at home as: "Kirstine Marie Nicolaisen."Bapt.R. She appears as: "Kirstine Marie" in all records at Ballum and in her death record, but as: "Christine Marie" in those at Rapsted except in her father's death record, where the name appears as: "Kjestine Marie." She was confirmed as baptized, 3 Mar. 1839, at Ballum, when the father was stated as: "Cottager Christen Nicolaisen (Schou)."Conf.R.

Kirstine did not come to the U. S. She ("Kirstine Marie Brøns, nee Nicolaisen") died 25 Jan. 1889, in the city of Schleswig, Germany.D.R.(Sterbeurkunde-Standesamt Schleswig Nr. 31/1889)

(Note- The other children having emigrated to Portland, Me., and the son Anders(23) leaving therefor to escape being drafted into the German army, Jens(8) the father, who otherwise would have been left alone at Rapsted, had emigrated to the U. S. with the son; Kirstine at this time in a refuge, is said not to have recognized the members of her family.)

Kirstine's father ("Serving-man Christian Nicolaisen Schov, single, of Østerende, Ballum, born 1800"("In Roager Parish."Dep.R. - "22 June 1801."D.R.)) married (first), 25 Apr. 1824, in the church at Ballum, lacemaker Voldborg, nee Hansen ("Hansdatter"), of Vesterende, Ballum, single, born 6 Apr. 1803, in Vesterende.M.R. Voldborg ("Walborg Kjestine" in husband's D.R.) was confirmed 7 Mar. 1819, in Ballum, the daughter of Cottager Hans Madsen and wife (-------?).Conf.R. She died 30 Nov. 1826, burial 4 Dec. 1826, in Ballum Churchyard.D.R.

He ("Christian Nicolaisen Schou") married secondly, in Ballum Church, 31 Oct. 1830, Maren, nee Sørensen ("Sørensdatter"), single, serving-maid.M.R. Maren was born 1798 in Aulum Parish, confirmed 1813, at Aulum, and removed from Aulum Parish to Ballum Parish, in 1828.Folio 590 - No.598 Ballum. She ("Maren Skov, nee Sørensen") died 2 Feb. 1880, in Fogderup, Rapsted, widow of Christian Nicolaisen Skov, aged 82 years 6 months 4 days, daughter of Søren Mathiesen and Else Marie, nee Sørensen in Naibjerg-Timmering, Jylland. Only the daughter Margrethe survived her.Jens.

He ("Annuitant Christian Nicolaisen Skov, born 22 June 1801"), died 21 Aug. burial 26 Aug., 1877, in Rapsted Churchyard, son of Nicolai Sørensen and wife Margretha, nee Andersen in Kirkeby, Roager Parish; he resided in Fogderup Field, Rapsted Parish, Tønder County; his wife Maren outlived him.D.R.*

Christian Nicolaisen (Schou), born 1900 in Roager Parish; his wife Maren, nee Sørensen born 1798 in Winding Parish; their daughter Margrethe Nicolaisen born 10 June 1833, in Ballum; and their son Søren Nicolaisen born 11 Sept. 1840, in Ballum, removed from Ballum Parish to Rapsted Parish, 26 Sept. 1856. Dep.R. (Note the confusion in Maren's birthplace, e.g., Aulum Parish, Winding Parish, or Naibjerg-Timmering. Aulum is probably correct; all are in the same area of North Jutland).

(Note- The descriptive surname 'Skov' (meaning forest or woods, and written 'Schou' and 'Schov' in Ballum records, 'Skov' in Rapsted records) is not to be found in her (Kirstine's) birth or baptismal record, either in reference to her or her father. However, it is true that in daily talk both she and her father, just as the above-named Søren Nicolaisen Schou (page 7) always were called 'Skov' until by degrees that name also often found its way into the parish registers. The same is true of the surname 'Brøns.'Nico.)

Christian Nicolaisen (Skov) had the following children:

By first wife Voldborg (var. Walborg and Valborg), besides Kirstine-

ii Thomas Nicolaisen, b. 17 Aug. 1826, in Vesterende, Ballum Parish, conf. 7 Mar. 1841, at Ballum.Conf.R. He d. single.Father's D.R. Described by Niels A. N. Bruns(15) as: "Torn, who d. by drowning in Calif."

By second wife Maren, besides 2 children that d. young-

iii Margrethe Nicolaisen, b. 10 June 1833, in Ballum Parish; m. 27 Oct. 1864, in Rapsted Church, the bachelor Knud Christensen Kirkeby (var. Kirkebye), b. 10 Feb. 1837, in Husby Parish, Ulvborg District, Jylland, son of Christen Lauridsen Kirkeby and wife Kirsten Iversdatter (nee Iversen).Land.A. & Jens.
He was a carpenter and small farmer on Fogderup Field, exactly as was Jens Nielsen Brøns(8) on Rapsted Field, with two or three cows and a little land. He is believed to be the same Knud who held small gatherings in his home to sing hymns and read the Bible; a thing uncommon in those days in Fogderup. It may be

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*See page 7 (first note) for Christian Nicolaisen Skov's brother Søren.

RAPSTED CHURCH

"'Carried On Eagle Wings'"*

"'I like to think of the delightful, warm summer days, when we sit together in the summerhouse over our coffee, we with our needlework, Father with his long pipe. The swallows twittering on the roof, the storks clattering in the village, the birds singing high in the old trees, and the warm sunshine on the broad lawn before us with its mixed flower beds. In the noontime when the parents are napping, I like to sit outside in the shady walks below the old Linden. There one can hear the cuckoo calling in the dense foliage, as in the near-by fields the larks rise into the heights with song and from afar comes the clang of scythes in the meadow. Then I imagine there can be no more beautiful place in the World than my Rapstedt.'(Page 44)

"'Rapstedt is a large and pretty village, sitting in the flat, arid sandy land like an oasis in the desert. In its midst stands the old Laurentius church with its blunt tower. How often I have ascended there and had a wide unobstructed view far into the flat open countryside; no woods, no hills, no lovely seashore. Only flat moor, tilled by industrious farm hands for what it will yield in rye, oats, barley, buckwheat and potatoes. And I looked down on this quiet village, which aside from one highway, is linked to the outside by one railroad and two telegraph wires. Afternoons, a tiny mail-coach wabbles away to Tingleff, and, on the following morning, brings back whatever mail-matter turns up.'(Page 52)

"Perhaps this little picture of a summer's day in Ravsted by the Pastor's family some years after Else served there, will be of interest to the family Brøns. It gives a good picture of Ravsted in the days of Jens Nielsen Brøns."
Jens.

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*Excerpts from the memoirs of a daughter of a Pastor Jessen serving the Parish of Rapsted about 1880. Translated from the German by the courtesy of Miss Monika Koengeter.

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that Knud Christensen (Kirkeby) and wife Margrethe left Rapsted (after 1880) for America, even as Jens Nielsen Brøns(8) did, for their death or burial seem not to be recorded in the churchbooks at Rapsted. They were living at Rapsted as late as 1880, however. Jens.

The churchbooks at Rapsted show the following children were born to the couple at Rapsted(Jens.):

(1)Christian Nicolaisen Christensen Kirkeby, b. 9 May 1865, d. 8 Oct. 1871.
(2)Maren Christensen Kirkeby, b. 15 Oct. 1869.
(3)Kirstine Christensen Kirkeby, b. 10 Feb. 1872, d. 11 Nov. 1872. Else Marie Nielsen Brøns(17), was one of the witnesses at this child's baptism.
(4)Christian Christensen Kirkeby, b. 14 Sept. 1873.
(5)Søren Christensen, b. 24 Feb. 1876. The descriptive surname 'Kirkeby', meaning churchtown, is not appended to this name in the churchbooks.

iv Søren Nicolaisen, b. 11 Sept. 1840, at Ballum Parish, d. after 1877, unmarried, a sailor on a ship that foundered.

(Notes- Kirstine's name appears as: "Kjestine M. Skov"; "Christine Nielsen"; "Gertrude M. Shaw"; "Christina Anderson"; and "Marie C. Skove" and "unknown", in various records concerning her children in America; a good example of how uninformed grandchildren usually are regarding their grandparents' history.

It had been said that the children of Jens Nielsen Brøns(8) were all called "Nielsen" in Denmark (Mrs. Richard W. Brandt, granddaughter of Jens through the daughter, Else Marie Nielsen Brøns(17), quoting Mrs. Lena Schmedegaard, of Hostrup, Tønder County, Denmark, and Randolph, Mass., who was said to be a sister of Mrs. Brandt's father, Andreas C. Miller). It is true that baptismal records confirm that those children born in Ballum were baptized "Nielsen", but those born at Rapsted were baptized "Brøns". Further, those who were baptized "Nielsen" at Ballum, were confirmed as "Nielsen"; "Nielsen (Brøns)"; or as "Brøns" at Rapsted. Thus the name "Nielsen" did follow the family to Rapsted. "The family seems to be called 'Nielsen' and as coming from Brøns, having got the surname 'Brøns.'"Jens. Jens(8) himself is called "Nielsen" in the baptismal record for the first child at Ballum, but he, as well as all his brothers were baptized "Brøns" and all ten of his children as well as himself emigrated to the U. S. and there the children were naturalized and married under the Anglicized (Bruns) form of that surname, which Jens himself used at Portland, Me.

On 2 Nov. 1854, "Master Joiner Jens Nielsen Brøns and wife Kirstine Marie, nee Nicolaisen" removed from Ballum Parish to Rapsted Parish.Dep.R. There were four children who are not mentioned in the departure record quoted above. These included: Juldine Metteline Nielsen(14), age 5 years 5 months; Niels Andersen Nielsen(15), age 3 years 9-1/2 months; Voldbine Katrine Nielsen(16), age 2 years 3-1/2 months; and Else Marie Nielsen(17), age 9 months. This is

the family group that settled at Rapsted, Denmark, in the winter of 1854, one hundred years ago. But as early as the year 1849 when the first child was born at Ballum, Jens the father is there called: "Journeyman Carpenter Jens Nielsen, of Ravsted."* Thus he is placed at Rapsted in the period of the Three Years' war, which no doubt had interferred with his plans and involved himself.

Here in "Ravsted Mark, Ravsted Parish, Slogs herred, Tønder amt,"** six more children were born to Jens Nielsen Brøns and his wife Kirstine Marie, nee Nicolaisen ("Christine" in most Rapsted records), the last after the area (the Danish duchy of Schleswig) had been occupied by Prussia and Austria (1864), but before it was annexed to Prussia (1866). And here it was (1854-1864 while the area was yet a part of Denmark, 1864-1883 while the area was a part of the German province of Schleswig-Holstein), that "Joiner Jens Nielsen Brøns, small farmer with only a little land---two or three cows," reared his family of five boys and five girls.

During the years 1870-1884, Jens' boys, grown to manhood, fled Schleswig to escape military service under the Germans. All emigrated to Portland, Me., there under adversity to seek their fortunes and found homes and families for themselves. And the girls, realizing that the duties of active life required that they too must leave the shelter of the home, followed the migration to Portland started by their father's brother Mads Nielsen Brøns(13) in 1861. The sons Niels A. N.(15); Christian N.(18); Jens C.(21); Soren H.(22); and Anders N.(23), arrived in the U. S. in 1872; 1878; 1882; 1883; and 1884, respectively, but the individual dates they departed from Rapsted are unknown.

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*Ravsted, the correct Danish spelling, is used only in quotes. The spelling "Rapsted" being that most familiar to descendants is elsewhere used.
**The Danish 'Mark', meaning 'Field', and the name of a location appearing in Rapsted records, may be read "The field belonging to the village Rapsted." 'Slogs herred' is a very old district name; Slog meaning 'snag'; herred a larger district. 'Amt means about the same as the English 'county.'

The Rapsted Bruns' Ancestral Home

Rapsted, parish town of the Midland parish of that name, the "old country" ancestral home of so many of the Bruns family (the "Rapsted Line"), is situated but a short distance north of the 55th parallel, about midway between the east and west coasts of the Danish South Jutland Province of North Schleswig. Pastor K. Riisberg Jensen, Sognepræst, Rapsted, to whom we are indebted for his time in the search of the churchbooks at Rapsted; his correspondence in the form of certified records and documentary letters; and photographs and history of the Rapsted Brøns' ancestral home, imparted the following information concerning Jens Nielsen Brøns(8) and his Rapsted home:

"Looking northward from the church tower (page 12), Else, Jens' daughter, in the years she was employed at the Parsonage, had a clear view of the Brøns family home, a distance of about five-eighths of a mile from the village. The old homestead is depicted in the larger view (on the following page) in which the house of Jens Nielsen Brøns is seen from the northwest about 1930. The building was put up about 1855, very likely by the dear village carpenter himself. There was a little fenne too, so he has had a cow or two. The building for crops and cattle to the east, standing on a north-south line, is surely not original and may have been added by a later owner. The same cottage as it appears today is pictured (in the insets) with the present owner, Henning Christensen, his wife and daughter.

"Jens' nearest neighbor's house---there was only these two houses there---situated about 165 yards to the north of the house of Brøns, is shown in the pictures on (page 18). It was very surely built by Jens Nielsen Brøns in 1857, and has been exactly like his own house, only a little smaller; this has five windows in the front, while the house of Brøns had eight---rather large for then. A long building, the back was built later. The family lives in the western part---one can just see how far the windows extend---the eastern part is for the cattle.

"In 1883 Jens Nielsen Brøns sold the homestead to farmer Peter Ludvig Hansen of Knivsig, Rapsted Parish, when the land consisted of: "6ha. 12ar. 48mr" (nearly 15-1/2 acres). ("After the Book of the Land in Tønder amt."). In 1896 Peter Hansen leased the place to Hans Peter Jensen from Audum, since when there have been many different owners. Today its present owner, Henrik Christensen, is restoring it, adding to and changing the old building.

"In the summer months, Jens built houses and made all kinds of works in wood belonging to the houses, when most of the farm work may have been performed by his wife and children. And so it was here generally with the village-carpenter and village-smith.

"Ravsted was a rather German-minded village in the days of Jens Nielsen Brøns. The towns of Brøns and Ballum on the other hand had Danish populations, and I therefore believe that the Brøns family (which had its ancestral roots in those towns) had been Danish-minded and perhaps did not feel at ease in Ravsted amongst the German-minded folk after the area (Schleswig) was annexed to Prussia (in 1866). That all of them left Ravsted seems to confirm it. Many others of the Danish-minded youth left the land and went to America and Australia in the years 1870-1900 because they would not serve as German soldiers."

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(From N.W.)

Today

Today

RAPSTED BRUNS' ANCESTRAL HOME
("The house of Jens Nielsen Brøns")

Jens' descendants might find satisfaction in retracing the path of history by some day visiting Rapsted, Ballum and Brøns. He is variously described in Danish records as: "Journeyman Carpenter"; "Joiner and Cottager"; "Joiner"; "Master Joiner"; and "Parcellist and Joiner"; Parcellist translated means: "A farmer with only a little land." He required all his sons to learn the carpentry and cabinetmaking trades.

Jens Nielsen Brøns(8) emigrated to Portland, Me., in 1884, with the youngest son Anders N.(23). On arrival at Portland, he and all his children Anglicized their surname (Bruns). None of the children married in Denmark; all married in the U. S. The daughter Else M.(17) arrived at Portland, Me., in 1872; Juldine M.(14) and Voldbine K.(16) probably in 1868/70; and Thomine(19) and Sine (20), sometime prior to their marriages in 1879 and 1881, respectively.

Children of Jens*Nielsen Brøns(8) and wife Kirstine
4 born in Ballum; 6 born in Rapsted, Denmark

14. i JULDINE*METTELINE NIELSEN BRØNS,[4] b. 31 May 1849, in Harknag, Ballum Parish, Tønder County; bapt. ("Juldine Metteline Nielsen") 10 June 1849, in Ballum Church.Bapt.R. ("Parents: Kirstine Marie Nicolaisen.....Note in Churchbooks: The child's father her 'sweetheart Journeyman Carpenter Jens Nielsen of Ravsted. The parents were married 18 Apr. 1850.'").
Conf. ("Juldine Metteline Nielsen(Brøns)") Palm Sunday, 23 Apr. 1865, in Rapsted Church.Conf.R. ("Parents: Joiner Jens Nielsen(Brøns) and Kirstine Marie, nee Nicolaisen").

15. ii NIELS*ANDERSEN NIELSEN BRØNS,[4] b. 17 Jan. 1851, in Vesterende, Ballum Parish, Tønder County; bapt. ("Niels Andersen Nielsen") 20 Feb. 1851, in the church at Ballum.Bapt.R. ("Parents: Joiner Jens Nielsen(Brøns) and wife Kirstine Marie").
Conf. ("Niels Andersen Nielsen Brøns") Palm Sunday, 25 Mar. 1866, in Rapsted Church.Conf.R. ("Parents: Joiner Jens Nielsen Brøns and Christine Marie, nee Nicolaisen").

16. iii VOLDBINE*KATRINE NIELSEN BRØNS,[4] b. 14 July 1852 (not 1853), in Vesterende, Ballum Parish, Tønder County; bapt. ("Voldbine Katrine Nielsen") 11 Aug. 1852, in the church at Ballum.Bapt.R. ("Parents: Joiner Jens Nielsen(Brøns) and wife Kirstine Marie").
Conf. ("Voldbine Catharine Nielsen") 7 Apr. 1867, in Rapsted Church.Conf.R. ("Parents: (As stated in baptismal record)").

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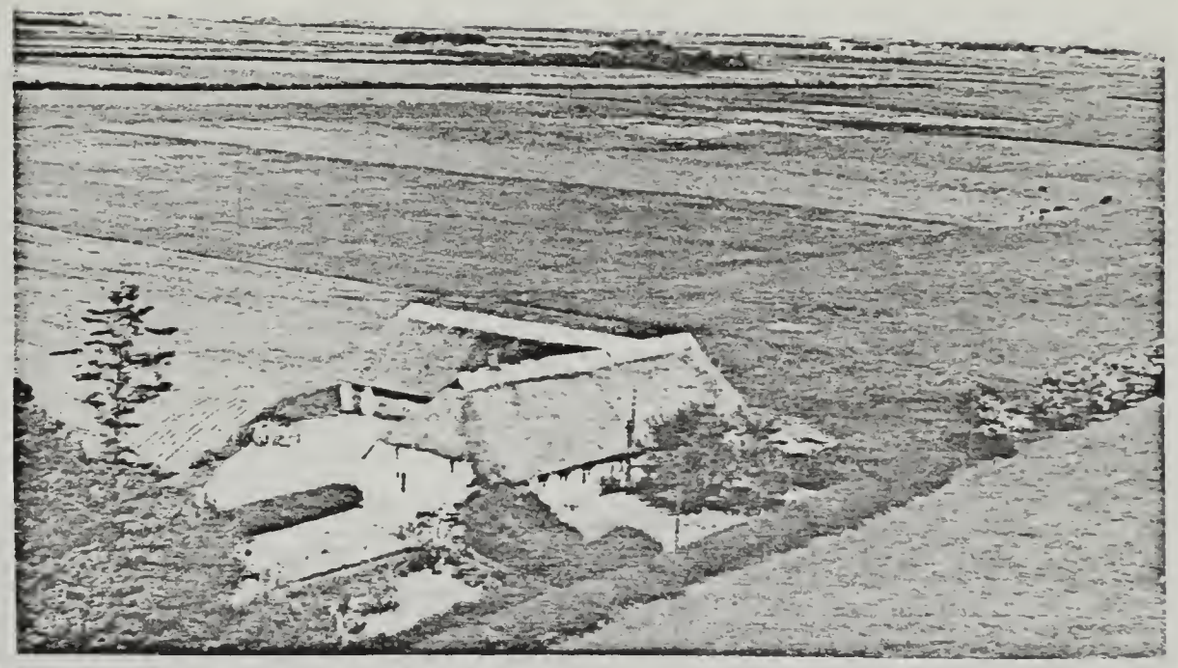
*Emigrated to the U. S.



("About 150 meters
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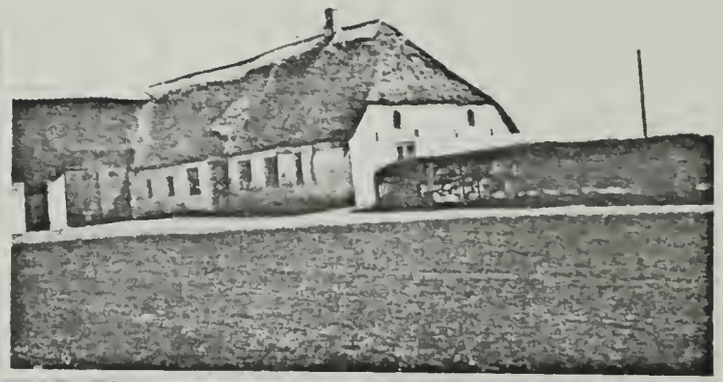

JENS NIELSEN BRØNS' NEIGHBOR'S HOUSE
("Built 1857 by Jens Nielsen Brøns")

17. iv ELSE*MARIE NIELSEN BRØNS,[4] b. 27 Jan. 1854, in Vesterende, Ballum Parish (not Rapsted), Tønder County; bapt. ("Else Marie Nielsen") 18 Feb. 1854, in the church at Ballum.Bapt.R. ("Parents: Joiner and Cottager Jens Nielsen Brøns and wife Kirstine Marie.").

Conf. ("Else Marie Nielsen") 19 Apr. 1868, in Rapsted Church. Conf.R. ("Parents: Joiner Jens Nielsen(Brøns) and wife Kirstine Marie."). (The last child to be born at Ballum).

18. v CHRISTIAN*NICOLAISEN NIELSEN BRØNS,[4] b. 11 (not 12) May 1856, in Rapsted Field, Rapsted Parish, Slogs District, Tønder County; bapt. ("Christian Nicolaisen Nielsen Brøns") 1 June 1856, in Rapsted Church.Bapt.R. ("Parents: Joiner Jens Nielsen Brøns and wife Christine Marie, nee Nicolaisen.").

Conf. ("Christian Nicolaisen Nielsen Brøns") 24 Mar. 1872, in Rapsted Church.Conf.R. ("Parents: (As stated in baptismal record)"). (The first child to be born at Rapsted).

19. vi THOMINE*BRØNS,[4] b. 4 Feb. 1859, in Rapsted Field, Rapsted Parish, Slogs District, Tønder County; bapt. ("Thomine Brøns") 20 Feb. 1859, in Rapsted Church.Bapt.R. ("Parents: Joiner Jens Nielsen Brøns and wife Christine Marie, nee Nicolaisen").

Conf. ("Thomine Brøns") 6 Apr. 1873, in Rapsted Church.Conf. R. ("Parents: (As stated in baptismal record)").

20. vii SINE*BRØNS,[4] b. 11 Oct. 1860 (not 1861), in Rapsted Field, Rapsted Parish, Slogs District, Tønder County; bapt. ("Sine Brøns") 25 Nov. 1860, in Rapsted Church.Bapt.R. ("Parents: Joiner Jens Nielsen Brøns and Christine Marie, nee Nicolaisen").

Conf. ("Sine Brøns") 21 Mar. 1875, in Rapsted Church.Conf.R. ("Parents: (As stated in baptismal record)").

21. viii JENS*CHRISTIAN BRØNS,[4] b. 17 May 1862, in Rapsted Field, Rapsted Parish, Slogs District, Tønder County; bapt. ("Jens Christian Brøns") 7 June 1862, in Rapsted Church.Bapt.R. ("Parents: Joiner Jens Nielsen Brøns and Christine Marie, nee Nicolaisen").

Conf. ("Jens Christian Brøns") 25 Mar. 1877, in Rapsted Church. Conf.R. ("Parents: (As stated in baptismal record)").

22. ix SØREN*HANSEN BRØNS,[4] b. 27 (not 26) Nov. 1863, in Rapsted Field, Rapsted Parish, Slogs District, Tønder County; bapt. ("Søren Hansen Brøns") 27 Dec. 1863, in Rapsted Church.Bapt.R. ("Parents: Parcellist** and Joiner, Jens Nielsen Brøns, and wife Christine Marie, nee Nicolaisen").

Conf. ("Søren Hansen Brøns") 30 Mar. 1879, in Rapsted Church. Conf.R. ("Parents: (As stated in baptismal record)").

23. x ANDERS*NIELSEN BRØNS,[4] b. 29 (not 30) Dec. 1865, in Rapsted Field, Rapsted Parish, Slogs District, Tønder County; bapt. ("Anders Nielsen Brøns") 18 Feb. 1866, in Rapsted Church.Bapt.R. ("Parents: Parcellist and Joiner Jens Nielsen Brøns and wife Christine Marie, nee Nicolaisen").

Conf. ("Anders Nielsen Brøns") 10 Apr. 1881, in Rapsted Church. Conf.R. ("Parents: (As stated in baptismal record)"). The last child to be born at Rapsted).

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*Emigrated to the U. S.

**See page 17 for translation.

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9. JEF[3]SØRENSEN BRØNS (Niels Andersen-Terp,[2] Anders Madsen[1]), third son of Niels Andersen-Terp(6) and his wife Else, of the town and parish of Brøns, and grandson of Anders Madsen(1) and his wife El, of Terp, Bramming Parish, Gørding District, Ribe County, Denmark, was born 25 May 1824, in Brøns, and baptized at home 26 May, in the church at Brøns 4 July, 1824 ("Parents: Niels Andersen and Else, Jens' daughter, Cottagers from the peasantry in Brøns"). Bapt.R. He was confirmed 1840 in Brøns Church.Conf.R.

Jef did not emigrate to the U. S. He ("Jef Sørensen Brøns, workingman, married") died in Brøns 23 Sept. 1889, aged "65 years."D.R. (He probably was the "Jep Sørensen" who was a sponsor at his brother Anders(12)' wedding in Rejsby!).

He ("Bachelor, age 29, of Brøns") married, 11 Jan. 1855, in the church at Brøns, MARIE*MØLLER, single, age 29, from Højrup (Høyrup) Parish.M.R. She was the daughter of Mathias M. and Else Miller (Møller).D.R.

In Danish records Jef is variously called: "Farmer"; "Cottager"; and "Workingman." He is said to have fought side-by-side with his brother Elias(10) in the Three Years' war, in which he was wounded. Except for the son Mathias' history, little is known of Jef and the background of his family in Denmark, though the list of children is complete. Inquiry of those who should be informed in the matter elicited no further information regarding him or the early life of the children.

There were five children---two boys and three girls. During the years 1872-1890, his children and widow emigrated to Portland, Me. There all Anglicized their surname (Bruns), but one daughter used the variation Brons in her marriage return. The sons Niels A.(24) and Mathias M.(25) emigrated in 1872 and 1888, respectively, the latter with wife and two children.

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*Emigrated to the U. S.

The daughter Else C.(26) probably emigrated in 1880; the daughters Elsine M.(27) and Cecilla(28) sometime prior to their father's death. The elder son, Niels A.(24), emigrated at the age of 16-1/2 years, but the story of his leaving home so young and of how he got to America, appears lost. While the son Mathias M.(25) was actually drafted by the Germans, he was soon rejected. Jef's widow, Marie, nee Møller (Miller at Portland), emigrated in 1890; the daughter Cecilla having been sent back to Denmark for her by the other children then at Portland, it is said. Her death record at Portland, Me., lists her as: "Marie M. Bruns (Jef S. Bruns, husband)" so it is presumed she did not remarry. Of the five children, only the son Mathias married in Denmark; the others married in the U. S.

(Note- Jef's death date and the son Mathias' birthplace having been documented, there is no longer any confusion as to these points. And Jef having been a "bachelor" at his marriage to Marie ("single girl"), leaves no doubt too that Hans N. Brons(32) was confused in his previously published belief that Niels A. (24) had a half-brother named "Brodersen." This last is confirmed by Hans himself who now asserts that "Anders Brodersen Andersen" (page 8), is the person he had reference to. (It is possible also that the Lawyer Anderson mentioned on page 61, was a descendant of the latter named Andersen.))

Children of Jef Sørensen Brøns(9) and wife Marie
Born in Brøns, Denmark

24. i **NIELS*ANDERSEN BRØNS**,[4] b. 11 (not 12) Dec. 1855, in the town and parish of Brøns; bapt. ("Niels Andersen Brøns") 10 Feb. 1856, in Brøns Church.Bapt.R. ("Parents: Cottager Jef Sørensen Brøns and wife Marie Møller in Brøns").
Conf. (Name and parentage as stated in baptismal record) 10 Apr. 1870, in Brøns Church.Conf.R.

25. ii **MATHIAS*MARIUS BRØNS**,[4] b. 9 (not 10) Aug. 1858, in the town and parish of Brøns (not Skanderborg); bapt. ("Mathias Marius Brøns") 9 Sept. 1858, in Brøns Church.Bapt.R. ("Parents: Cottager Jef Sørensen Brøns and wife Marie Møller in Brøns").
Conf. (Name and parentage as stated in baptismal record) 6 Apr. 1873, in Brøns Church.Conf.R.

26. iii **ELSE*CHRISTINE BRØNS**,[4] b. 3 Feb. (not 11 May) 1861, in the town and parish of Brøns; bapt. ("Else Christine Brøns") 10 Mar. 1861, in Brøns Church.Bapt.R. ("Parents: Jef Sørensen Brøns and wife Marie Møller in Brøns").
Conf. (Name and parentage as stated in baptismal record) 21 Mar. 1875, in Brøns Church.Conf.R.

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*Emigrated to the U. S.

27. iv ELSINE*MARIE BRØNS,[4] b. 22 Feb. 1864, in the town and parish of Brøns, bapt. ("Elsine Marie Brøns") at home 15 Mar., in the church at Brøns 28 Mar., 1864.Bapt.R. ("Parents: Cottager Jef Sørensen Brøns and wife Marie Møller in Brøns").
Conf. (Name and parentage as stated in baptismal record) 14 Apr. 1878, in Brøns Church.Conf.R.

28. v CECILLA*BRØNS,[4] b. 22 May 1867, in the town and parish of Brøns, bapt. ("Cecilla Brøns") 16 June 1867, in the church at Brøns. Bapt.R. ("Parents: Cottager Jef Sørensen Brøns and wife Marie, nee Møller in Brøns").
Conf. (Name and parentage as stated in baptismal record) 29 Jan. 1882, in Brøns Church.Conf.R.

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*10. ELIAS[3]NIELSEN BRØNS (Niels Andersen-Terp,[2] Anders Madsen[1]), fourth son of Niels Andersen-Terp(6) and wife Else, of the town and parish of Brøns, Denmark, and grandson of Anders Madsen(1) and wife El, of Terp, Bramming Parish, Gørding District, Ribe County, was born 29 Mar. 1827, in Brøns, and baptized ("Elias Brøns") at home 29 Mar., in the church at Brøns 16 Apr., 1827 ("Parents: Niels Andersen-Terp and Else, Jens' daughter, Cottagers in Brøns").Bapt.R. He was confirmed 23 Apr. 1843 in Brøns Church.Conf.R.

On 13 Nov. 1858, in the church at Møgeltønder, Denmark, he ("Elias Nielsen", of Brøns") married HANNA*MARIE HANSEN, born in Gallehus, Møgeltønder Parish, 18 Mar. 1833, baptized 23 Mar. 1833, and confirmed 4 Mar. 1849, in the church at Møgeltønder.M.R. She was the daughter of the tailor and cottager Nis Hansen and his first wife, Maren Børichs who died 30 Mar. 1833; they also had a son Hans Nissen Hansen born 13 Jan. 1830. Her father married secondly, Karen Martensen, by whom there were (3) children: Ingeborg, born 24 Sept. 1833; Carl Christian, born 17 Nov. 1835; and Jens Christian, born 23 Jan. 1839.Lands.A.

Elias settled in Brøns, moving to Gallehus in 1861 and later to Tønder and near-by Abild, from where in January 1872, with two small sons and wife Hanna he emigrated to Portland, Me. There he Anglicized his surname (Bruns), but in later years upon leaving their step-parents' home the sons took the variation Brons.

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*Emigrated to the U. S.

Elias fought side-by-side with his brother Jef(9) in the Three Years' war. Following his death at Portland, Me., Hanna remarried. No other children were born to him in the U. S. The eldest son, Niels N.(29) and the youngest, Hans N.(32), came to the U. S. with their parents in 1872.

Children of Elias*Nielsen Brøns(10) and wife Hanna*
Born in Brøns, Tønder, Gallehus and Abild, Denmark

29. i NIELS*NISSEN BRØNS,[4] b. 5 Nov. 1859, in the town and parish of Brøns, bapt. ("Niels Nissen Brøns") 11 Dec. 1859, in Brøns Church.Bapt.R. ("Parents: Cottager** Elias Brøns and wife Hanne Marie Hansen, in Brøns; the mother 26 years old").
("He wrote in his memoirs that miller Jacobsen's wife of Brøns was his Godmother, and many years later (1934) met her grandson Hans Christian Jacobsen, who also had been a miller in Brøns. At the time, the latter resided in Kirkland, Wash.; his son, Lydik Jacobsen, is professor of astronomy at the Univ. of Washington." ---Agnes Brons. See "Introduction."

30. ii CAROLINE ELSINE NIELSEN BRØNS,[4] b. ("Caroline Elsine Nielsen") 12 June 1862, in Gallehus, d. 9 Apr. 1866, in Abild.Lands.A.

31. iii HANS NISSEN NIELSEN BRØNS,[4] b. ("Hans Nissen Nielsen") 25 Jan. 1866, in Tønder, d. 23 Feb. 1870, in Abild.Lands.A.

32. iv HANS*NISSEN NIELSEN BRØNS,[4] b. ("Hans Nissen Nielsen") 25 Jan. 1871, in Abild. ("Parents: Cottager Elias Nielsen and wife Anna Maria, nee Hansen"). The mother, called "Anna Maria" in the record, shall be Hanna Maria.Lands.A.

13.

*13. MADS*NIELSEN BRØNS (Niels Andersen-Terp,[2] Anders Madsen[1]), youngest son of Niels Andersen-Terp(6) and wife Else, of the town and parish of Brøns, Denmark, and grandson of Anders Madsen(1) and wife El, of Terp, Gørding District, Ribe County, Denmark, was born 14 (not 15) Feb. 1837, in Brøns, and baptized ("Mads Nielsen Brøns") 19 Mar. 1837, in the church at Brøns ("Parents: Niels Andersen Terp and Else, Jens' daughter, Cottagers in Brøns").Bapt.R.

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*Emigrated to the U. S.
**From the Danish "Indsidder."

Mads Nielsen Brøns(13) was confirmed ("Mads Nielsen Brøns") 18 Apr. 1852, in Brøns Church ("Parents: Niels Andersen Terp and Else, Jens' daughter, undertenants** in Brøns").Conf.R. But an added note in the record states: "Departure Register shows: '21 Apr. 1853, Niels Madsen Brøns, age 16 years, joiner apprentice, set out for Aastrup in Hadersiev.' (The name changed about)."Conf.R.

(Note- As Mads married in Denmark under his baptismal names, it is presumed the name "Niels Madsen Brøns" appearing in the above record, is an error in recording; there is no record of his ever using that name.)

He ("Mads Nielsen Brøns, journeyman joiner in Gammelskov, Agerskov Parish, Nørre-Rangstrup District") married (first), age 20-1/4, in the parish church at Agerskov, 10 July 1857, MAREN*THOMSEN, age 23-1/2, single, of Gammelskov, self-employed in Agerskov, born in Stepping, Denmark, 12 Nov. 1833, daughter of Marcus Thomsen, undertenant in Kolstrup. Sponsors: Farmer Peder Enemark and Joiner Peder Dixen, both from Gammelskov.M.R. Mads married a second time in Portland, Me.

The pioneer in the migration of the Brøns families to America, Mads emigrated to Portland, Me., in 1861, with wife and two small daughters. There he Anglicized his surname (Bruns), since used by the descendants. Nothing further is known of Mads' background in Denmark; he is said to have gone to Australia with his brother Anders N.(12) to "dig for gold" prior to emigrating to the U. S. Of the second generation living, all are from Mads' second family; they know little of his life in Denmark.

There were but two children born in Denmark; twelve others, seven by the second wife, were born in the U. S. The oldest living descendant is Thomas Gildart Nelson Bruns, the first child of the second marriage, born 1888.

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*Emigrated to the U. S.
**From the Danish "Inderster."

Children of Mads*Nielsen Brøns(13) and wife Maren*
Born in Gammelskov and ?, Denmark

33. i ELSE*MARIE NIELSEN BRØNS,[4] b. 18 Aug. 1857, in Gammelskov, Agerskov Parish, Nørre-Rangstrup District; bapt. ("Else Marie Nielsen Brøns") 20 Sept. 1857, in the parish church at Agerskov. Bapt.R. ("Parents: Journeyman joiner Mads Nielsen Brøns and wife Maren Thomsen in Gammelskov; the mother 23-3/4 years old; Sponsors: Farmer H. Enemark's wife Ingeborg and single Marie Dixen, both from Gammelskov; single Christine Pedersen from Agerskov; and Joiner Peder Dixen and Farmer Johannes Enemark, both from Gammelskov. Note: The mother presented the child 20 Sept.").

34. ii ANNA*C. BRØNS,[4] b. "In Denmark, age 9 years."U. S. 1870 C.E. Age "85 years 2 months 27 days, b. in Denmark."D.R.(27 Jan. 1949). "We have inspected all churchbooks in the Province of North Schleswig, but did not find the birth record for Mads Nielsen Brøns' second daughter, Anna C. Brøns."Land.A.
(Note- Mads arrived in the U. S. (N. Y. City) on or about 7 Sept. 1861(N.R.), thence to Portland, Me. Considering this and the date of birth of the first child, it is presumed Anna's birth occured while the family was yet enroute, possibly even in Copenhagen, or at least enroute there from Gammelskov, to embark for the U. S.)

Fourth Generation

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*25. MATHIAS[4]MARIUS BRØNS (Jef Sørensen Brøns,[3] Niels Andersen-Terp,[2] Anders Madsen[1]), second son of Jef Sørensen Brøns(9) and wife Marie, of the town and parish of Brøns, Denmark, and grandson of Niels Andersen-Terp(6) and wife Else, of Brøns, was born 9 (not 10) Aug. 1858, in Brøns (not Skanderborg), and baptized ("Mathias Marius Brøns") 9 Sept. 1858, in the church at Brøns. (Parents: Cottager Jef Sørensen Brøns and wife Marie Møller in Brøns).Bapt.R. He was confirmed 6 Apr. 1873, in the church at Brøns.Conf.R. (Here the parents and name are as stated in the baptismal record). The father is called "Farmer" in Mathias' baptismal certificate prepared in 1874.

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*Emigrated to the U. S.

Mathias ("Mathias Marius Brøns") married, 27 Nov. 1883, in the church at Skanderborg, Denmark, MARIE*CHRISTINE BOES, age 31, born in Skanderborg, the daughter of Christian, glazier at Skanderborg. Land.V. The only one of the fourth generation in Denmark to marry there.

Mathias, obviously named for his maternal grandfather, Mathias Marius Møller, emigrated to Portland, Me., with wife and two children, in 1888, via Copenhagen, where the second son, Marinus, himself stated he was born in 1887. At Portland Mathias Anglicized his surname, since used by the descendants.

A shoemaker in Denmark as well as in the U. S., he was "Imparted citizenship out of the mercantile community of Skanderborg on 23 Nov. 1885" for which he paid 12 Kroner. (Citizenship Paper as Shoemaker of Skanderborg). But he was called "Shoemaker Mathias Marius Brøns" as early as 24 Nov. 1879, when he was ordered to appear at "Appenrade" in Schleswig on 18 Nov. 1879, in a draft for the German army; being "Acknowledged unconditionally unfit for service in the army or marines" on 24 Dec. 1879. (Rejection Certificate, dated at Flensburg). Prior to settling in Skanderborg, he was for a time at least, in Ribe; a Testimonial attests to his having paid several small sums there. His father-in-law Boes, glazier, settled one or more bills for him at Skanderborg on 18 Dec. 1889. Two children were born to the couple in Denmark; a third was born in the U. S.

Children of Mathias*Marius Brøns(25) and wife Marie*
Born in Denmark

35. i JENS*CHRISTIAN BRØNS,[5] b. 14 Dec. 1883, in Skanderborg; bapt. ("Jens Christian Brøns") in Skanderborg Palace Chapel, 4 May 1884. Bapt. R. ("Parents: Shoemaker Mathias Marius Brøns and wife Marie Christine, nee Boes").

36. ii MARINUS*JEFFERSON BRØNS,[5] b. 22 Aug. 1887, in Copenhagen, according to himself.

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*Emigrated to the U. S.

PART II

THE SETTLEMENT, GENEALOGY and DESCENDANTS of THE IMMIGRANT FAMILIES

(For a check list of the immigrant persons whose American genealogy and descendants are recorded in the following pages, see page 29.)

Introduction

The different persons of the surname Bruns that settled in and about Portland, Me., from 1861 to 1890, were the immigrant descendants of Niels Andersen Terp(6), of the town and parish of Brøns, Hviding District, Tønder County, (formerly a part of Haderslev County in older maps), Denmark, comprising the families of the four sons, Jens Nielsen Brøns(8), Jef Sørensen Brøns(9), Elias Nielsen Brøns(10), and Mads Nielsen Brøns(13), three of whom and the widow of the other were themselves among those who emigrated to Portland. Another son, Anders Nielsen Brøns(12), also came to Portland, but he did not remain; returning to Denmark about 1870, he married and remained there.

The earliest beginnings of the families in America, was through Mads, who with a wife and two small daughters, emigrated to Portland from Gammelskov, Agerskov Parish, in 1861. About 1868/70 he revisited Denmark, which fact probably influenced the others of the families to emigrate to Portland. For his visit was followed, first by the immigration early in 1872, of Elias with wife and two small sons, from Abild. Then at intervals from mid-1872 to 1889 came the three grown daughters and two grown sons---one with wife and two small sons from Skanderborg and Copenhagen---of Jef, followed in 1890 by the latter's widow, from Brøns. And finally at intervals also, from late 1872 to 1884, came the five grown sons and five grown daughters of Jens, and Jens himself, from Rapsted. One, possibly two of the elder daughters of Jens, may have accompanied Mads and his wife on the return trip to the U. S., from thrir visit to Denmark. Such then were the immigrant groups and individuals from whom are descended the American lines and branches hereafter enumerated.

On emigrating to the U. S., Mads the pioneer Anglicized his surname, which then became "Bruns." Those who came later followed his example and also Anglicized their surname. And excepting the sons of Elias, the immigrant males were naturalized and married under that surname, since used by their descendants. With one exception also, the immigrant single females were married under that name; one daughter of Jef used the variation "Brons" in her marriage return. However, the sons of Elias later took the variation "Brons" when, upon reaching manhood, they left their step-parents' home to found for themselves. Of the males, they and they only, were naturalized and married under the variation since used by the descendants. But school, church and Scandinavian Mission records at Portland, Me., as well as immigration lists (and possibly passenger lists as well), probably will show that Elias' sons were called "Bruns" prior to their widowed mother's second marriage at Portland. Accordingly, the original form of the surname, Brøns, is hereafter not used when referring to the immigrant members of the families, except in quotes.

In all but one or two instances, if not all, the immigrant single members of the families married immigrant persons, generally natives of the home country, Denmark. A few of the intermarrying males had fled Schleswig to escape being drafted by the Germans, even as the "Brøns" boys had. Others came from North Jutland and the islands of Denmark. Hence the many Danish surnames among the allied families.

The sons of Elias migrated west to Iowa with their mother and stepfather, where upon reaching manhood they settled, but eventually removed to Enumclaw, Wash., with their families. The eldest daughter of Jens migrated west also, to Nebraska, where she married and settled. But with these exceptions, all immigrant members of the families settled in and about Portland, Me., including besides Portland, Deering and Stroudwater (which later became a part of Portland), and Falmouth and Scarborough. Since, however, branches of the Brons families have migrated to California, and other Washington towns and cities, and branches of the Bruns families have migrated to other Maine towns and into many other States.

Some of the immigrant members of the intermarrying families, and a few of the American descendants, also Anglicized their surnames and some of them their Christian names; Kelsen for Kjeldsen, Johnson for Jørgensen, and Miller for Møller, as well as Jack for Jens, Laurence for Lauritz, and Andrew for Anders, are instances. And surnames with both patronymic endings -sen and -son are to be found within the same family; Ebbesen (first generation) and Ebbeson (second generation), and Andersen for some members of a family and Anderson for other members of the same family, are instances. Likewise, several instances of the old custom of children being given a surname formed of the father's Christian name with the patronymic ending -sen, may be found in the histories of intermarrying persons of Danish origin; as: Niels Jørgensen son of Jørgen Jensen, Lars Ebbesen son of Ebbe Larsen, and Karen Andersen daughter of Anders Pedersen.

The immigrant members of the families were plain honest farmers, carpenters, cabinetmakers, or shoemakers. None ever were active in politics or became great in state or nation. Some, however, became successful in businesses of their own, and not a few prominent in their community. Others became respected and successful farmers. On the whole they were Christian men and women of honor and dignity, devoted to their families and respected by their neighbors. All were proud of their Danish origin but loved their adopted country. The men were particularly noted for their strictly temperate habits and industry; all were good providers.

For the convenience of researchers, the American genealogy has been divided into three sections. Section I contains the Bruns genealogy; Section II the Brons genealogy; and Section III the genealogies of such related families as: Andersen (Pedersen-Andersen, Johnson, and Rosenblad families), Boysen, and Wilhelmsen (Williamson). See page 29 for a check list of the immigrant persons whose descendants are recorded in Part II, and the arrangement thereof.

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(1821 - 1892)

Jens Nielsen Bruns, The Immigrant, was a man of small physical stature, but his was a remarkable family of tall strong men and handsome women, further characterized by their mild manners, temperate habits, a pride in citizenship and a deep religious faith. All were very fond of music. His grandchildren idolized him. Mrs. A. Iver Poulsen (Mrs. Laura V. Ebbesen Poulsen) and Lauritz N. Miller, grandchildren, are now the only descendants who have personal memory of him.

SECTION I - BRUNS GENEALOGY

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JENS NIELSEN BRUNS, of PORTLAND, ME.

8. JENS[1] NIELSEN BRUNS, (Jens Nielson Bruns), immigrant, of Portland, Me., son of Niels Andersen-Terp(6) and his wife Else, nee Jensen Nederby, of the town and parish of Brøns, Denmark, was born 23 Mar. 1821 (not 1819), in the town of Brøns, and baptized "Jens Nielsen Brøns" first at home 24 Mar., in the parish church at Brøns, 23 Apr., 1821.Bapt.R. He was the grandson of Anders Madsen(1) and his wife El, nee Lauritsen, of the town of Terp, Bramming Parish, Gørding District, Ribe County, Denmark, who married in the parish church at Bramming, 30 Oct. 1770.M.R. On emigrating to the U. S. he, as well as his children, Anglicized (Bruns) their surname.

He ("Jens Nielson Bruns") died 28 Feb. 1892, in Portland, Me., aged "72 years 11 months 5 days" (Sic, 70 years 11 months 5 days - born 1821, not 1819*); burial at Forest City Cemetery, South Portland, Me. (Lot F28 - The Carlsen Plot).D.R. He died a widower, survived by his ten children and their offspring, all at Portland, Me., Falmouth, Me., and Herman, Nebr.

On 18 Apr. 1850, he ("Jens Nielsen Brøns"), then a joiner of Harknag, in Ballum Parish, Tønder County, Denmark, married, in the parish church at Ballum, KIRSTINE MARIE NICOLAISEN (not Skov**), single, of Harknag, born 28 Oct. 1824, in Vesterende, Ballum, daughter of Christen Nicolaisen and wife Voldborg, nee Hansen.M.R. She did not come to the U. S., but died 25 Jan. 1889, in the City of Schleswig, Germany.D.R. Jens did not remarry.

In November 1854, Jens with wife and four small children born there, removed from Ballum Parish to Rapsted Parish(Dep.R.), Slogs District, Tønder

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*See note, page 9.
**See note, page 11.

County, where six more children were born to them. From there, accompanied by the youngest son, Anders N. Bruns(23), he emigrated to Portland, Me., via N. Y. City, disembarking at the latter place on 25 May 1884(Anders' N.R.); the other nine children having preceded them to Portland.

On his arrival at Portland, Jens resided first with his daughter, Mrs. Else Marie Nielsen Bruns Miller (Mrs. Andreas C. Miller), at Falmouth, where he was provided with a warm workshop. But before long he moved into Portland to reside with another daughter, Mrs. Sine Bruns Carlsen (Mrs. Jasper Carlsen), where he also was provided with a good workshop. Having been a Master joiner in Denmark, he soon found employment as a carpenter, and at times worked with his son, Niels A. N. Bruns(15), building contractor at Portland. In later years the son found laths with his father's name on them in a house he was razing at Portland.

In spite of his large family---five boys and five girls---there are but 19 male descendants of the surname Bruns now living to carry on the name; however, through the females the blood flows in many others. The line appears assured, but it is unfortunate that the grandsons in the Niels A. N. Bruns(15) and Christian N. Bruns(18) lines did not have offspring.

Jens' posterity in the male lines is represented by the descendants of the immigrant sons: Niels A. N. Bruns(15); Christian N. Bruns(18); Jens C. Bruns(21); Soren H. Bruns(22); and Anders N. Bruns(23); who arrived at Portland in 1872; 1878; 1882; 1883; and 1884, respectively. In the female lines, by the descendants of the daughters: Juldine M. N. (Bruns) Brodersen(14); Voldbine K. N. (Bruns) Ebbesen(16); Else M. N. (Bruns) Miller(17); Thomine (Bruns) Johnson(19); and Sine (Bruns) Carlsen(20); who were better known after marriage in the U. S., as: "Metta Lena" Brodersen; "Voldbina K." Ebbesen; "Elsa M." Miller; "Tomina" Johnson; and "Sina" Carlsen, respectively.

9.

MARIE (MILLER) BRUNS, of PORTLAND, ME.

9. MARIE[1](MILLER) BRUNS, (Marie M. Bruns), immigrant, of Portland, Me., daughter of Mathias M. Møller and his wife Else, of Højrup (var. Høyrup) Parish, Denmark, and widow of Jef Sørensen Brøns(9), of the town and parish of Brøns, Denmark, emigrated to Portland, Me., in 1890, following the death of Jef, accompanied, it is said, by the daughter Cecilla Bruns(28), who had been sent back to Denmark by the others of the children who also had preceded the mother to Portland, especially to bring the mother to Portland. There she became known as: "Marie M. Bruns." She is not known to have remarried in the U. S., and it is said she did not.

Marie (Miller) Bruns, The Immigrant ("Marie M. Bruns, born in Denmark, the daughter of Mathias M. and Elsie Miller, aged '74 years 2 months,' Jef S. Bruns husband"), died in Portland, Me., 20 Dec. 1899; burial at Stroudwater, Me., in the 'Lot of Mathias Bruns.'D.R.

Jef Sørensen Brøns, the husband, son of Niels Andersen-Terp(6) and his wife Else, nee Jensen Nederby, of the town and parish of Brøns, Denmark, was born in the town of Brøns, 25 May 1824, and baptized "Jef Sørensen Brøns", first at home 26 May, in the parish church at Brøns 4 July, 1824.Bapt.R. He was the grandson of Anders Madsen(1) and his wife El, nee Lauritsen, of the town of Terp, Bramming Parish, Gørding District, Ribe County, Denmark, who married in the parish church at Bramming on 30 Oct. 1770.M.R. He did not come to the U. S., but died in Brøns 23 Sept. 1889.D.R.

On 11 Jan. 1855, in the parish church at Brøns, "Jef Sørensen Brøns, age 29, bachelor, of Brøns, and Marie Møller of Højrup Parish, single, age 29," were married.M.R.

There were five children---two boys and three girls---all of whom emigrated

to Portland, Me. The line is well-assured. On emigrating to the U. S., she Anglicized her surname (Bruns).

The posterity of Jef and Marie (Miller) Bruns, in the male lines, are represented by the descendants of the immigrant sons, Niels A. Bruns(24) and Mathias M. Bruns(25), including the immigrant grandsons Jens C. Bruns(35) and Marinus J. Bruns(36). And in the female lines by the descendants of the daughters: Else C. (Bruns) Lund(26); Elsine M. (Bruns) Petersen(27); and Cecilla (Bruns) Bang(28).

An undated and unsigned copy of a document (Power-of-Attorney) written in old German script, and among some 15 ancient documents now in the possession of Mathias M. Bruns(25)' son Thomas P. Bruns(191), of North Windham, Me., translated reads in part as follows:

> "We the undersigned, namely 1. I the Shoemaker Mathias Marius Brøns in Portland, Me., North America, 2. I the Merchant Niels Andersen Brøns in Portland, Bracket Hill, Me., North America, 3. I the wife of the Farmer Hans Lund in Portland, Bracket Hill, Me., North America, Elsie Lund born a Brøns, living here, 4. I the Servant Sine Brøns, Portland, Me., North America, living here, all children of farmer Jef Sørensen Brøns who resideed in Brøns, Province of Schleswig-Holstein, Kingdom of Prussia, confer herewith power of attorney on Nils Peter Lauritsen Lund....." And: "I the undersigned, husband of the aforementioned assignor of power of attorney herein No.3, North America, as husband, sanction the general power of attorney in so far as it is contracted by my wife."

This document was prepared between June 1888 when Mathias emigrated to Portland, and Dec. 1892, when Sine (Elsine Marie(27)), was married, probably soon after Jef's death in Sept. 1889; the latter's widow came to Portland in 1890. In this connection, Mrs. Annie M. Johnson (Mrs. Annie M. Lund Johnson), granddaughter of Jef and Marie, who appears to have more personal knowledge of the family than any other person, explained the document as representing the combined movement of the children to aid the mother after the death of Jef; the daughter Cecilla being sent back to Denmark by the others to bring the mother to Portland. (See also the note, page 21.)

10.

ELIAS NIELSEN BRUNS, of PORTLAND, ME. 1164690

10. ELIAS[1] NIELSEN BRUNS, (Elias N. Bruns), immigrant, of Portland, Me., son of Niels Andersen-Terp(6) and his wife Else, nee Jensen Nederby, of the town and parish of Brøns, Denmark, was born 29 Mar. 1827, in the town of Brøns, and baptized "Elias Brøns" first at home 29 Mar., in the parish church at Brøns 16 Apr., 1827.Bapt.R. He was a grandson of Anders Madsen(1) and wife El, nee Lauritsen, of the town of Terp, Bramming Parish, Gørding District, Ribe County, Denmark, who married in the parish church at Bramming 30 Oct. 1770.M.R. On emigrating from Denmark he Anglicized (Bruns) his surname, but when his sons grew to manhood and later left their step-parents' home to found for themselves, they took the variation Brons since used by the descendants of the son Niels N. Brons(29); the son Hans N. Brons(32) has no issue.

Elias Nielsen Bruns ("Elias N. Bruns") The Immigrant, died 22 June 1872, in Portland, Me. of typhoid a few months after his settlement there, aged "45 years"; burial at Evergreen Cemetery, Portland.D.R. His wife and two small sons survived him; two other children born in Denmark died there as infants. His line is well-assured.

He ("Elias Nielsen, of Brøns") married, 13 Nov. 1858, in the parish church at Møgeltønder, Denmark, HANNA MARIE HANSEN, born 18 Mar. 1833, in Gallehus, Møgeltønder Parish, Denmark, baptized 23 Mar. 1833, and confirmed 4 Mar. 1849 in the church at Møgeltønder.M.R. She was the daughter of Nis Hansen, tailor and cottager, and his (First) wife Maren Børichs who died 30 Mar. 1833.Land.A.

The couple settled in Brøns, where their first child was born, but removed from there to Gallehus in 1861, and later to Tønder and Abild, Denmark, from which latter place in January 1872, Elias emigrated to Portland, Me., with

his wife and two small sons---one an infant, disembarking there on 21 Feb. 1872, where they were met at the pier by Mads N. Bruns(13), brother of Elias, of Portland, who had arranged their passage. At Portland, Elias obtained employment as coachman and gardener for a Mr. Palmer.

Following the death of Elias, Hanna his widow, left with 12-year-old Niels N. Bruns(29)*and 1-year-old Hans N. Bruns(32)* opened a rooming- and boarding-house at Portland, and the son Niels left school and went to work to help with the family income.

Shortly after Xmas in 1874, Hanna Marie (Hansen) Bruns married, secondly, at Portland, Me., Mikkel Jensen. A girl was born to them which died during its first summer. In Nov. 1876, the family moved to Clinton, Ia., where during the following summer (1877), Hanna died.

Mikkel Jensen married again, and in 1879, moved to Ringsted, Ia., taking Elias' son Hans with him. Hans' brother Niels, however, stayed on in Clinton for a number of years until, following his own marriage, he settled on a farm in Elkhorn, Ia., whereupon he went to Ringsted for his brother Hans and took him back to live with him.

Elias' posterity is represented by the descendants of the son, Niels N. Brons(29), of Elkhorn, Ia., and Enumclaw, Wash., who came to the U. S. with his parents. The son Hans N. Brons(32) has no issue. There were no other children born to Elias and Hanna in the U. S.

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*School, church and Scandinavian Mission records of Portland, Me., as well as immigration lists (and possibly passenger lists as well), probably will show the sons of Elias were called "Bruns" prior to their widowed mother's second marriage at Portland.

13.

MADS NIELSEN BRUNS, of PORTLAND, ME., and DESCENDANTS

First Generation

13. MADS[1]NIELSEN BRUNS, (Mads Nielson Bruns, Mads Nelson Bruns, Mads N. Bruns), immigrant, of Portland, Me., son of Niels Andersen-Terp(6) and wife Else, nee Jensen Nederby, of the town and parish of Brøns, Denmark, was born 14 (not 15) Feb. 1837, in the town of Brøns, and baptized "Mads Nielsen Brøns" 19 Mar. 1837, in the parish church at Brøns.Bapt.R. He was a grandson of Anders Madsen(1) and wife El, nee Lauritsen, of the town of Terp, Bramming Parish, Gørding District, Ribe County, Denmark, who married in the parish church at Bramming, 30 Oct. 1770.M.R. On emigrating to the U. S. he Anglicized (Bruns) his surname.

He ("Mads Nelson Bruns") died 30 Dec. 1915, in Portland, Me., aged "78 years 10 months 15 days"; burial at Evergreen Cemetery, Portland (Lot D No. 147).D.R. His second wife and a large family survived him.

Mads ("Mads Nielsen Brøns"), then a bachelor journeyman joiner at Gammelskov, Agerskov Parish, Nørre-Rangstrup District, Denmark, age 20-1/4, married first, 10 July 1857, in the parish church at Agerskov, MAREN THOMSEN, single, age 23-1/2, born in Stepping, Denmark, 12 Nov. 1833, daughter of Marcus Thomsen in Kolstrup.M.R. Her mother was Anna C., nee Peterson.Maren's D.R.

She ("Marion Bruns") died 26 July 1910, in Portland, Me., aged "75 years"; burial at Evergreen Cemetery, Portland, in the lot (P24-1/2) of the daughter Anna C. Bruns.D.R. Her gravestone ("Marion T. Bruns 1834-1910") has an error in the inscription if the date of birth given in the marriage record is correct, as it probably is; it is in the same lot as are the graves of the son Nelson A. Bruns (1864-1910); the son Thomas G. Bruns (1866-1882); and

MADS NIELSEN BRUNS

(1837 - 1915)

the daughter "Lillian T." Bruns (1872-1936). There were seven children, two of whom were born in Denmark. Evidently she divorced Mads.

Mads Nielsen Bruns, The Immigrant, married secondly, at Portland, Me., on 3 Dec. 1887, CHARLOTTE ELIZABETH GILDART, of Elgin (Moncton, in the marriage records for the sons Peter and Paul), N. B.; Rev. Samuel F. Pearson, officiated.M.R. She died at Portland, Me., 10 Oct. 1918. They also had seven children. Thomas G. N. Bruns(42), recalls his father stating: "I have been blessed with the same number of children by each marriage."

Mads emigrated to Portland, Me. via N. Y. City, disembarking at the latter place "on or about 7 Sept. 1861," thence to Portland, where he was naturalized ("Mads N. Bruns") on 6 Mar. 1873.N.R. His first wife Maren, nee Thomsen and two small daughters, accompanied him.

The 1870 U. S. Census Enumeration, Page 47, Cumberland County, Ward 6*, Portland, enumerated 16 Aug. 1870, shows Mads' family on that date as:

Mads N. Bruns	Age	33	M	W	Cabinetmaker	Born in	Denmark
Marie L. "	"	34	F	W	Keeping house	" "	"
Elsie M. N. "	"	13	F	W	- - -	" "	"
Ann A. "	"	9	F	W	- - -	" "	"
Neal L. "	"	7	M	W	- - -	" "	Maine
Thomas "	"	4	M	W	- - -	" "	"
Abraham L. "	"	2	M	W	- - -	" "	"
An Infant "	"	1 month ('born in May')(M)				" "	"

Mads and his first wife are said to have made at least one visit to Denmark after their settlement at Portland, probably about 1868/70, when they are believed to have brought back with them, Voldbine K. Bruns(16), and possibly also, Juldine Metteline Bruns(14), daughters of his brother Jens N. Bruns(8).

The pioneer in the migration of the families to America, Mads, described as having been a brilliant man, also was the most colorful character of them all. He not only was one of the first Danes to emigrate to Maine, but was the first of the name (Bruns) to settle at Portland, if not in that State. He is said

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*Ward I, in one of two copies of the same enumeration; one copy has the notation: "1 month"; the other: "born in May."

to have told his son, Thomas G. N. Bruns(42), that he helped Wm. Widgery Thomas, one-time Minister to Sweden, to settle New Sweden, Me.---it was settled 23 July 1870. His family and he went through the great Portland fire of July 4-5, 1866. He aided others of the families to come to Portland and found them jobs. Being appreciative of his citizenship, he named one of his sons for the emancipator, Abraham Lincoln.

Mads is said to have sailed to Australia with his brother, Anders N. Brøns(12) to "dig for gold"; also to have been in business with the latter in Market Square, Portland, making show cases and piano-dulcimers. In the 1869 Portland Directory, Mads appears as: "Cabinetmaker, 23 Preble St., residence 16 Hammond St." In that of 1875, he appears as: "Maker of show cases, 19-1/2 Market Square, residence 55 Preble St." He was a lumber dealer, with residence at 31 Kellogg St., in 1900. Skilled as a cabinetmaker and pattern-maker, he was employed for a time as pattern-maker at the Portland Co., and the Portland Foundry, both at Portland, Me. He had learned the joinery and cabinetmaking trades in Denmark, having been apprenticed a joiner in Aastrup, Haderslev, at the age of 16 years. (See also Anders Nielsen Brøns(12), Part I).

(Note- Thomas G. N. Bruns(42), eldest son of Mads by the second wife, recalls his father telling him of having been to Australia, and of his having been in business with a partner at Portland at the time of the great fire; that his partner and he were insured in one of the few insurance companies that paid claims, but that his partner collected and vanished, leaving him, Mads, destitute.)

In later years, Mads (called "Mas" or "Old Mas") suffered the loss of a leg. According to himself, the amputation resulted from a bone injury he received at the age of 12 years during the Three Years' war in Schleswig. Mads, it seems, was riding a horse home from the fields one evening, when a detachment of mounted German soldiers appeared at a bend in the road ahead. He jumped from his horse to flee, injuring the leg bone but managing to evade the soldiers. The Germans had banned the display of the Danish flag, but such a

flag was sewn into Mads' hat and he was fearful of its discovery by the Germans. Although he did manage to evade the soldiers, he carried an internal sore in the leg through the years until 1904, when it was amputated. He made his own wooden legs; the first, it is said, weighed 22-lbs., the last 2-1/2 lbs. He used to keep "spares" drying behind the kitchen stove.

The children of the first and second marriages were referred to as: "The First Family" and "The Second Family," respectively. Those of the one scarcely knew those of the other. But all descendants in both families have been worthy representatives of the family name, and all have been respected citizens. His line is well-assured. His posterity is represented by the descendants of the immigrant daughter, Else Marie Nielsen (Bruns) Nansen(33), and of the children born in the U. S., hereafter enumerated. The immigrant daughter Anna C. Bruns(34), did not have issue.

The first person of the surname Bruns to be born in Maine, and possibly elsewhere in the country as far as is known to the compiler, was Mads' son Nelson A. Bruns(37), ("Neal L., age 7 years, born in Maine."1870 C.E.); born 1864.G.R. The birth record is unattainable at Portland's City Clerk's Office, and the Dept. of Health and Welfare, at Augusta, Me., as are many of the early records. The first of the name recorded in the vital statistics files of the City of Portland, Me., is that of Mads' son Anders (Andrew) N. Bruns(40).

Children (Bruns) by first wife, Maren

Born in Denmark-

33. i ELSE MARIE NIELSEN, b. 18 Aug. 1857, in Gammelskov, Denmark.Bapt.R.
SEE UNDER HER CONSECUTIVE NUMBER, HEREAFTER.

34. ii ANNA C., b. 1861 in (?) Denmark.1870 C.E.
SEE UNDER HER CONSECUTIVE NUMBER HEREAFTER

Born in Maine-

37. iii NELSON A.,[2] b. 1864(G.R.); "Neal L., age 7 years, b. in Me."1870 C.E.

38. iv THOMAS G.,[2] b. 1866(G.R.); "Thomas, age 4 years, b. in Maine." 1870 C.E. The birth record is unattainable at Portland. He "Thomas" d. 14 Apr. 1882, in Portland, Me., aged 16 years; burial at Evergreen Cemetery, Portland (Lot of M. H. Bruns; father, "Niels H. Bruns").D.R.

39. v ABRAHAM LINCOLN,[2] b. 1868 in Maine; "Abraham L., age 2 years, b. in Maine."1870 C.E.

40. vi ANDREW NELSON,[2] b. 8 May 1870, in Portland, Me.B.R.

41. vii LILLIAN T,[2] b. ("Eliza R.") 12 Mar. 1872, in Portland, Me.B.R. She d. 1936 ("Lillian T. Bruns 1872-1936").G.R.; d. away from Portland; burial at Evergreen Cemetery, Portland. Said to have been in show business.

Children (Bruns) by second wife, Charlotte
Born in Portland, Me.

42. viii THOMAS GILDART NELSON,[2] b. ("Thomas") 8 July 1888.B.R.

43. ix JOHN ROBERT GILDART,[2] b. ("John R.") 29 Nov. 1890.B.R. Living in Portland, Me.; unm.

44. x PETER ANDERS GILDART,[2] b. 31 Jan. 1893.B.R.

45. xi PAUL NELSON GILDART,[2] b. ("Paul N. G.") 16 June 1895.B.R.

46. xii LUKE NELSON GILDART,[2] b. ("Luke Gildart") 18 Nov. 1897.B.R. Died ("Luke N. G.") 4 Aug. 1895(?) aged "8 months."D.R. (Died 1898. F.R., which is said by Thomas G. N. Bruns(42) above, to be correct).

47. xiii GRACE ALIDA GILDART,[2] b. ("Lilly G.") in the "Deering District," 20 Oct. 1900.B.R. She d. ("Grace Lilly G.") 9 Nov. 1902.

48. xiv GRACE ALIDA GILDART,[2] b. ("Grace A.") 23 Jan. 1904.B.R. "Given the same name as the first Grace."F.R.

She m. 23 May 1923, JOHN LOUIS BRETT, at Portland, Me. Living at Portland.

Children (BRETT) born in Portland, Me., except as noted-

(1)Charlotte Louise, b. 9 Jan. 1925.
(2)John Louis jr., b. 15 Sept. 1926.
(3)Wesley Everett, b. 16 Aug. 1928, in South Portland, Me.
(4)Mildred Lorraine, b. 28 Aug. 1929; d. Sept. 1930, in Portland.
(5)Shirley Irene, b. 25 Dec. 1930.
(6)Leona Mae, b. 4 May 1932; d. Apr. 1933, in Portland.
(7)Ronald Leon, b. 26 May 1935.
(8)Pauline Elizabeth, b. 21 May 1939; d. Sept. 1940.
(9)Ralph Noel, b. 25 Dec. 1940.
(10)Phyllis Ann, b. 7 Feb. 1942.
(11)Robert Gildart, b. 30 May 1943.
(12)Philip Eugene, b. 30 Dec. 1944.

Second Generation

37.

37. NELSON[2]A. BRUNS (Mads[1]), son of Mads Nielsen and Maren (Thomsen) Bruns(13) of Portland, Me.; "Neal L., age 7 years, born in Maine."1870 C.E.; born 1864.G.R.

The birth record is unattainable from the vital statistics files of the City Clerk of Portland, Me., or from the State Dept. of Health and Welfare at Augusta, Me. He died in Portland, Me., 27 Feb. 1910, aged "47 years"; burial at Evergreen Cemetery, Portland (Sec. P. 24-1/2, Anna C. Bruns' Lot).D.R.

He married, 6 June 1882, in Portland, Me., NELLIE M. WELCH; Rev. A. McKeown, officiated.M.R. They had one child.

Child (Bruns) born in Portland, Me.-

49. i HORACE T.,[3] b. 13 Dec. 1882.B.R. (Nothing further is known of him).

39.

39. ABRAHAM[2]LINCOLN BRUNS (Mads[1]), son of Mads Nielsen and Maren (Thomsen) Bruns(13); "Abraham L., age 2 years, born in Maine"1870 C.E.; born in Portland, Me., age 25.First (1893) M.R. The birth record is unattainable from the vital statistics files of the City Clerk of Portland, or the State Dept. of Health and Welfare, at Augusta, Me. He ("Abraham L. Bruns") died of pneumonia, 20 Mar. 1915, at Augusta, Me. (record at Portland), aged "47 years 1 month 22 days"; burial at Lyndonville, Vt.D.R.

He married, first, 20 Sept. 1893, in Portland, Me., ANNIE M. THORNDIKE, of Portland, Me., born about 1869, daughter of Joseph and Jane (Wiley) Thorndike; Geo. D. Lindsay, Clergyman, officiated.M.R. Presumably he was divorced. She was living at Portland in 1946, with the son Ralph. They had two children. He married secondly, ADELINE M. HUBBARD, born in Lyndon, Vt. They had one child, as far as is known.

Children (Bruns) by first wife, Annie, born in Portland, Me.-

50. i LEON LINCOLN,[3] b. 19 Feb. 1894.B.R. He d. 31 July 1894, aged "5 months 12 days"; burial at Evergreen Cemetery, Portland.D.R.

51. ii RALPH LINCOLN,[3] b. 29 Mar. 1895.B.R. Living at Portland, Me., in 1954. (Nothing further known of him).

Child (Bruns) by second wife, Adeline, born in Portland, Me.-

52. iii CAROLYN HUBBARD,[3] b. 17 Apr. 1909.B.R. (Nothing further known of her).

40.

40. ANDREW[2]NELSON BRUNS (Mads[1]), (Anders Nelson Bruns), son of Mads Nielsen and Maren (Thomsen) Bruns(13), born 8 May 1870, in Portland, Me.B.R. ("Infant male, age 1 month ('born in May'), born in Maine."1870 C.E. He died 21 Mar. 1918 ("Anders N. Bruns") in Washington, D.C. (record at Portland, Me.), aged "47 years 10 months 13 days"; burial at Forest City Cemetery, South Portland, Me. (Lot M33).D.R.

He ("Anders N. Bruns") married, 16 Sept. 1891, in Portland, Me., ALICE MAY WHITE, of Portland, Me.; Rev. Matt S. Hughes, officiated.M.R. He, his wife and daughter, were personally known to and held in high esteem by, the wife of the compiler. They had but the one child.

Child (Bruns) born in Portland, Me.-

53. i MARION BEATRICE,[3] b. 23 Mar. (not May) 1892.B.R. She ("Mary Beatrice Bruns") m. (Int. - License issued 4 Aug. 1917, at Portland, Me. - no marriage return at Portland), LAWRENCE BAXTER STEVENS, of Portland, Me., b. about 1895, at Debert Station, N.S., son of Aubrey W., of Mass Town, N.S., and Emma (McDorman) of Debert Station; printer. Living at Portland, Me. (1946 Directory) at last accounts; said to be living there in 1955. No issue.

42.

42. THOMAS[2]GILDART NELSON BRUNS (Mads[1]), eldest son of Mads Nielsen Bruns (13) and his second wife, Charlotte Elizabeth (Gildart), born 8 July 1888, in Portland, Me.; the first of the "second family."B.R.

He married first, 24 Feb. 1908, in Portland, Me., MARION MARGUERITE ZOLL,

born at Dartmouth, N.H. (Portsmouth, N.H., in the birth record for the daughter Leeta Mildred), daughter of Herman of Portland, Me. She died 27 Dec. 1917. They had five children.

He married secondly, 12 Feb. 1919, in South Portland, Me., GLADYS MAY HALL, born in Laconia, N.H. (in daughter Doris' marriage record), daughter of Ira B. C. Hall and his wife Mary Ann. They had fourteen children.

Resided in Portland and South Portland, Me.; now retired and living in Tampa, Fla., with his wife Gladys. He was employed by the GT & CN Rys., at Portland, for 37 years prior to his retirement in 1950. We are indebted to him for the history of Mads' second family, and for much of his father's personal history. His branch appears assured.

Children (Bruns) by first wife, Marion, born in Portland, Me.-

54. i THOMAS GILDART JR.,[3] b. 7 Jan. 1909.F.R.
55. ii MARION LAVINIA,[3] b. 17 Nov. 1911(F.R.); m. LEON MAURICE EASLER, 11 Feb. 1932, in Portland, Me., b. in Portland.
Children (EASLER) born in Portland, Me.-
(1)Karl Willard, b. 11 Dec. 1933.B.R.
(2)Lawrence Everett, b. 25 Oct. 1935.B.R.
56. iii FRANCES IRENE,[3] b. 16 Mar. 1914.B.R.; d. an infant.
57. iv STILLBORN,[3] b. 28 Jan. 1915.B.R.
58. v LEETA MILDRED,[3] b. 4 Mar. 1917.B.R. (The birth record shows this to be the 6th child of these parents, the stillborn the 4th ?). She m. Sept. 1937, in Portland, Me., PHILIP SAWYER, of North Yarmouth, Me. Living in South Portland, Me. Called "Mildred Leeta."
Children (SAWYER) born in South Portland, Me.-
(1)Phyllis.
(2)Shirley.
(3)Virginia.

Children (Bruns) by second wife, Gladys, born in Portland and South Portland, Me.-

59. vi ROBERT BAILEY,[3] b. 15 Dec. 1919, at Portland.B.R.
60. vii EDWARD PERCIVAL,[3] b. 21 Apr. 1921, at Portland.F.R.
61. viii GLADYS ANNA,[3] b. 6 Dec. 1922, at Portland.B.R. She m. 3 Sept. 1943, in Charlotte, N.C., RAYMOND CHARLES PRATT, a graduate of Tampa Univ., then in service---World War II Veteran (Army)---called back to service during the Korean conflict for training camp duty.

Children (PRATT)-
(1)Raymond Charles jr., b. (twin) 7 Aug. 1944.
(2)Ruth Ann, b. (twin) 7 Aug. 1944.

62. ix GRACE ELSIE,[3] b. 29 Sept. 1924; m. 31 Dec. 1949, CHARLES E. HAMBLEN, of Gorham, Me. Resided in South Portland, Me.; now living in El Monte, Calif.
Children (HAMBLEN)-
(1)Clinton James, b. 3 Nov. 1950; d. 26 July 1951.
(2)Patricia Ann, b. 3 Sept. 1952.
(3)Janet Lee, b. 13 Dec. 1954, in El Monte, Calif.

63. x DORIS IRENE,[3] b. 13 Mar. 1926, in South Portland, Me.B.R. She m. 2 Apr. 1949, at Portland, Me., KENNETH SEAVEY BURNHAM, b. about 1925, in Scarborough, Me., son of Fred H. b. in Saco, Me., and Marcia (Seavey) b. in Scarborough, Me.; Stanton W. Gavitt, Clergyman, officiated.M.R.
Children (BURNHAM)-
(1)Karen Susan, b. 10 May 1950.
(2)Kenneth Seavey jr., b. Oct. 1951.
(3)Donna Elaine, b. 17 Feb. 1954.

64. xi PAUL DAVID,[3] b. 29 Aug. 1927, in South Portland, Me.B.R.

65. xii ALICE MARY,[3] b. 11 Mar. 1929 (twin), in South Portland, Me.B.R. She m. Aug. 1951, WILLIAM ANDREW KALB, a graduate of Tampa Univ., now a high school teacher at Ft. Myers, Fla., where the family resides.
Children (KALB)-
(1)Deborah Marie, b. 1 June 1952.
(2)Mark Thomas, b. 2 June 1953.

66. xiii ALAN CHARLES,[3] b. 11 Mar. 1929 (twin), in South Portland, Me.B.R. He d. 4 Apr. 1945, in Portland, Me.

67. xiv JOAN ELIZABETH,[3] b. 25 Apr. 1930 (twin); d. 9 May 1930, in Portland, Me.

68. xv JOHN HALL,[3] b. 25 Apr. 1930 (twin); d. 8 May 1930, in Portland, Me.

69. xvi JANET LOUISE,[3] b. 19 June 1931, in Portland, Me.; attending Tampa Univ. and teacher in kindergarten-school at Tampa.

70. xvii CHARLES ALBERT,[3] b. 28 May 1932, in Portland, Me.B.R. He d. 10 Aug. 1932, in South Portland, Me.

71. xviii JAMES CLIFFORD,[3] b. 5, d. 9, Nov. 1933, in Portland, Me.B.R.

72. xix BUDD ELAINE,[3] b. ("Budd") and d. 29 Mar. 1936, in Portland, Me.B.R.

44.

44. PETER[2]ANDERS GILDART BRUNS (Mads[1]), son of Mads Nielsen and Charlotte Elizabeth (Gildart) Bruns(13), born 31 Jan. 1893, in Portland, Me.B.R. A soldier of 1917. Employed as a car-inspector for the CN Rys. for many years.

He married, 13 Oct. 1917, in Portland, Me., IRENE VIOLA HALL, born about 1896, in Sherbrooke, Quebec, Cda., daughter of Ira B. C. and Mary A. (Hamilton) Hall, her father of Maple Grove, Quebec, her mother of Sherbrooke; John

F. McLean, Clergyman, officiated.M.R. He died 4 May 1942, of an injury at work; his widow living at Portland in 1946.

Children (Bruns) born in Portland and South Portland, Me.-

73. i RUSSELL PETER,[3] b. 4 Nov. 1918, in South Portland, Me.B.R. A farmer at Weeks Mills, Me.; unm. We are indebted to him for the history of this family.

74. ii RICHARD HALL,[3] b. 10, d. 26 Jan. 1922, in South Portland, Me.

75. iii CHARLOTTE MAY,[3] b. 9 July 1924, in South Portland, Me.B.R. She m. 1st, Sept. 1943, in Portland, Me., CARLETON MALCOLM McALLISTER, this marriage ending in divorce.

She m. 2d, 21 Nov. 1947, in Portland, Me., JOHN CALVIN BASSETT, steamfitter. Living in Windham, Me.

Child (McALLISTER)-

(1)Leland Richard, b. 12 June 1944, in Portland, Me.

Children (BASSETT)-

(1)Donald John, b. 18 Dec. 1948, in Calais, Me.

(2)Peter Harvey, b. 12 July 1950, in Portland, Me.

76. iv HAROLD ANDERS,[3] b. 5 Nov. 1927, in Portland, Me.B.R.

77. v JEAN EUNICE,[3] b. 22 June 1929, in Portland, Me.B.R. She m. 1st, 13 Feb. 1946, in South Portland, Me., GRANVILLE BLAINE PRICE, the marriage ending in divorce.

She m. 2d, LESLIE PILLSBURY LeBLANCE, 31 July 1954, in Weeks Mills, Me., a hospital psychiatric aide. Living in Augusta, Me.

Child (PRICE)-

(1)Gary David, b. 5 Jan. 1947, in Portland, Me.

78. vi HAZEL LILLIAN,[3] b. 18 June 1932, in South Portland, Me.; m. 8 July 1950, in Weeks Mills, Me., PEARLEY ALBERT THOMAS, a mechanic.

Child (THOMAS)-

(1)David Allan, b. 13 Apr. 1951, in Waterville, Me.

45.

45. PAUL[2]NELSON GILDART BRUNS (Mads[1]), son of Mads Nielsen and Charlotte Elizabeth (Gildart) Bruns(13), born 16 June 1895, in Portland, Me.B.R. He married, 10 Dec. 1917, in Portland, Me., MILDRED LEETA TROTT, born about 1899 in Portland, Me. (Peaks Island), daughter of Frank L. of Peaks Island, and Lillian S. (Ames) of Hyde Park, Mass.; John H. McLean, Clergyman, officiated. M.R. Living at Portland, Me. There was one child.

Child (Bruns) born in Portland, Me.-

79. i WINONA ELIZABETH,[3] b. 21 Apr. 1920.B.R. She d. 19 May 1920.

Third Generation

54.

54. THOMAS[3]GILDART BRUNS JR. (Thomas,[2] Mads[1]), son of Thomas Gildart Nelson and Marion Marguerite (Zoll) Bruns(42), born 7 Jan. 1909, in Portland, Me. He married, MIZPAH KNOWLES, of Key West, Fla., at Key West.

An adventurer; when but 16 years old employed on the E.S.S. Lines vessels in the steward's department. Was in the army for a year. Employed for some time by the P. & O. S.S. Company, on the run between Key West and Havana. In the Lincoln Division in Spain, where he was wounded. Finally employed by various oil companies in tankers at Caracas, Venezuela. Was aboard the first ship to take armed forces to India during World War II, returning with Missionaries and their families. Was torpedoed three times during that war while in Merchant vessels. His present whereabouts unknown.

Child (Bruns)-

80. i WILLIAM,[4] b. probably at Key West, Fla.

59.

59. ROBERT[3]BAILEY BRUNS (Thomas,[2] Mads[1]), son of Thomas Gildart Nelson and Gladys May (Hall) Bruns(42), born 15 Dec. 1919, in Portland, Me.B.R. A World War II Veteran (USMCR)---Asiatic-Pacific Theatre. A Staff Sergeant, he was recalled for service in Korea. Graduated from Tampa (Fla.) Univ. '52, now a junior high school teacher of mathematics and physics near Tampa, Fla.

He married, 18 Nov. 1944, in Scarborough, Me., SHIRLEY BELLE McKAY, born about 1924, in Portland, Me., daughter of Harry L. and Adelaide A. (Hodgkins) McKay; George Holgate, Clergyman, officiated.M.R. There are two children.

Children (Bruns) born in Portland, Me.-

81. i JONATHAN WAINWRIGHT,[4] b. 24 Aug. 1945.B.R. (b. 27 Aug.F.R.)
82. ii ROBERT HARRIS,[4] b. 4 Sept. 1947.B.R.

60.

60. EDWARD[3]PERCIVAL BRUNS (Thomas,[2] Mads[1]), son of Thomas Gildart Nelson and Gladys May (Hall) Bruns(42), born 21 Apr. 1921, in Portland, Me.F.R. A World War II Veteran (Navy)---Asiatic-Pacific Theatre; was at the surrender in Japan. Now a tire-repair man at Portland. He married, Sept. 1946, LOUISE (HAMILTON) GRACE, her second marriage. Living in South Portland, Me.

Child (Bruns)-

83. i NOREEN GRACE,[4] daughter of Louise by her previous marriage; adopted by Edward.

64.

64. PAUL[3]DAVID BRUNS (Thomas,[2] Mads[1]), son of Thomas Gildart Nelson and Gladys May (Hall) Bruns(42), born 29 Aug. 1927, in South Portland, Me.B.R. A World War II Veteran (Navy)---in plane carriers. He married 3 July 1948, in Portland, Me., MURIEL BUD LUTHER, born 1932, in Lunenberg, Vt., daughter of Howard E., born in Pittsfield, N.H., and Vera Sayers, born in Lunenberg, Vt.; C. E. Anderson, Clergyman, officiated.M.R.

Children (Bruns) born in Portland, Me.-

84. i LINDA JANE,[4] b. 3 Mar. 1949.B.R.
85. ii JUDITH LEE,[4] b. 18 May 1950.
86. iii JAY MICHAEL,[4] b. 8 July 1951.
87. iv MERIDITH JO,[4] b. Feb. 1953.
88. v JERE MARC,[4] b. 21 Aug. 1954.B.R.

76.

76. HAROLD[3]ANDERS BRUNS (Peter,[2] Mads[1]), son of Peter Anders Gildart and Irene Viola (Hall) Bruns(44), born 5 Nov. 1927, in Portland, Me.B.R. A truck

driver. He married, 20 Nov. 1946, in Buxton, Me., PAULINE FRANCES SEWARD; living in Arlington, Mass.

Child (Bruns)-

89. i JOYCE ANDREA,[4] b. 29 Aug. 1947, in Gorham, Me.

14.

RASMUS and METTA LENA (BRUNS) BRODERSEN, of HERMAN, NEBR., and THEIR DESCENDANTS

14. JULDINE[1]METTELINE NIELSEN BRUNS, (Metta Lena Bruns, Lena Bruns, Madlyn Bruns), came to Portland, Me., from Denmark, about 1868/70, and migrated west to Nebraska. She was born 31 May 1849, in Harknag, Ballum Parish, Tønder County, Denmark, and baptized "Juldine Metteline Nielsen" in the parish church at Ballum, 10 June 1849, the eldest child of Jens Nielsen Bruns(8), immigrant, and his wife Kirstine Marie, nee Nicolaisen.Bapt.R. She was confirmed 23 Apr. 1865, "Juldine Metteline Nielsen(Brøns)" in the parish church at Rapsted, Tønder County, Denmark.Conf.R. Juldine was known to her family as "Metta Lena" or "Madlyn"; to others of the Bruns families generally as "Lena."

Metta Lena Bruns was a granddaughter of Niels Andersen-Terp(6) and wife Else, nee Jensen Nederby, of the town and parish of Brøns, Denmark, who married in the parish church at Brøns, 12 Feb. 1819(M.R.), and a great-granddaughter of Anders Madsen(1) and wife El, nee Lauritsen, of the village of Terp, Bramming Parish, Gørding District, Ribe County, Denmark, who married in the parish church at Bramming, 30 Oct. 1770(M.R.).Land.V.

She ("Matta L. Brodersen") died 11 Feb. 1914, in the village of Herman, Nebr., "aged 64 years 8 months 11 days."D.R. She and her husband Rasmus were typical American pioneers in the new State of Nebraska.

Metta Lena emigrated to Portland, Me., three or four years prior to her marriage, probably with others of the Bruns families according to her son George, thence to Omaha, Nebr. She Anglicized (Bruns) her surname upon immigration. It is possible she came to the U. S. with her father's brother Mads Nielsen Bruns(13) on the return trip of he and wife from a visit to Denmark,

1868/70, even as her sister, Voldbine Katrine Nielsen Bruns(16), did.

Metta Lena Bruns ("Metta L. Bruns"), The Immigrant, married, 28 Nov. 1874, at Blair, Nebr., at the age of 25, RASMUS BRODERSEN, aged 32, born in Denmark, then of Grant Township, Washington County, Nebr., son of "Chest Brothersen and Mary Tews"; her parents stated as: "Gus N. Bruns and Jeslina M. Nahalegun" in a certified copy of the marriage license and return furnished the compiler; she then of Omaha, Nebr.M.R. Her parents correct names were "Jens Nielsen Bruns (Brøns)" and "Kirstine (Christine) Marie, nee Nicolaisen" as stated in the preceding paragraphs. The mother, baptized "Kirstine Marie" is stated as "Christine Marie" in Rapsted, Denmark, records.

RASMUS[1]BRODERSEN, ("Aasmus Brothersen, age 32, of Grant Township, Washington County, Nebr., son of Chest Brothersen and Mary Tews"(M.R.)), came to the area in and about Omaha, Nebr., shortly before 1868 (Nebraska became a State in 1867), where he was employed as a carpenter, having served the trade in Denmark. He died in rural Herman, Nebr., 27 June 1900. All according to his son George.

He was born 4 May 1843, in North Schleswig, Denmark, according to the son. He was not the son of Anders Nielsen Brøns(12)' wife; a belief of Niels Andersen Nielsen Bruns(15), previously published, but possibly was her nephew and grandson of Niels Brodersen, of Kjærbølling, Denmark (See Anders Nielsen Brøns(12), page 9). "He was not her son by either marriage. He is maybe a relative of hers and possibly was born near-by to Ribe."Land.A.

After Schleswig was annexed to Prussia in 1866, Rasmus was drafted into the German army and made to serve for one year, following which he emigrated to the U. S. His was a real American pioneer's family.

Following his marriage, 28 Nov. 1874, at Blair, Nebr., to Metta Lena Bruns

(14), Rasmus Brodersen, The Immigrant, took up 80-acres of land seven miles southwest of Herman, Nebr., on which stood a small one-room log-house finished with cottonwood lumber, for $500. Here the couple founded the home which was to be theirs for so many years. Before long, Rasmus built an addition of one room onto the house, and constructed a straw-barn for the stock. In 1885, looking to the needs of his fast-growing family, he built a new homestead, which is standing and in good repair today, wherein the children were reared. This house is now occupied by descendants of the son James. All the wood and poles for the construction was hauled from the Iowa side of the Missouri River on the ice, about fifteen miles east of the homesite. He is said to have got back home from such a trip just in time to escape the big blizzard of 1888---his wife Lena had performed all the chores---in which a neighbor and his team were frozen to death when only about one-quarter-mile from home. The son George, then a new-born-baby, was carried from the cottonwood-log-house to the new homestead upon its completion in 1885.

As pioneers in the new State, the family endured hardships seldom encountered today. Interesting tales could be told by the son George---the only member of the second generation now living---of the hardships and privations the family endured during the early years there, when as the son related, quite a few Indians were about and others were passing through. Up to the time the latter was eight years old, he said, the children stayed close to the house. The family homestead was located in what is locally called "Rattlesnake Valley" where barefooted, the boys herded cattle and helped with the farm work. One field contained many "rattlers"; George recalled that his brother James killed nine in one day. The footgear of his boyhood George described as "One-buckler-shoes" costing $1.25, worn by most everyone, with "Button-shoes" for Sundays.

According to the son George, to whom we are indebted for the history of his father and much of that of the family, Rasmus Brodersen was one of three brothers who settled in Nebraska. Another brother, Peter, went first to Colorado and finally to Arizona, where he died unmarried. The story of just when and how Lena went to Omaha from Portland, Me., and just when she and Rasmus left their Danish homes, appears lost. Their posterity is represented by the descendants of the children listed immediately below, of whom there were seven.

Children of Rasmus Brodersen and wife "Metta Lena"
Born in rural Herman, Nebr.

i JAMES CHRISTIAN,[2] b. 1 Nov. 1875.
ii MARY ANNA,[2] b. 14 June 1877; d. 15 May 1880, of typhoid.
iii CHARLES RASMUS,[2] b. 20 June 1879; d. 24 June 1905, in Vancouver, B.C., unm.; burial at York Creek Cemetery, Nebr. At the age of 23 he went to N.D., where he bought a farm in Pembina County, in the N.E. corner of the State, which he soon disposed of. After two years with a real-estate firm, he with a friend worked the Canadian logging camps near the N.D. line. Moving on west, he and the friend eventually arrived at Vancouver, B.C., where he was killed while working on the wharves there; his body was shipped home for burial.
iv A SON,[2] b. 6 Nov. 1882; d. 10 Nov. 1882.
v GEORGE PETER,[2] b. 9 July 1885. B.R.
vi FRANK DETRICK,[2] b. 21 Sept. 1890.
vii HERMAN NELSON,[2] b. 21 Jan. 1892; d. 10 Feb. 1895, of diptheria.

JAMES[2]CHRISTIAN BRODERSEN (Rasmus[1]), son of Rasmus and "Metta Lena" (Bruns) Brodersen, of Herman, Nebr., immigrants, was born 1 Nov. 1875, in rural Herman, Nebr.; died 22 July 1944, in Herman; burial at New England Cemetery. (Obituary).

He married, first, about 1903, CHRISTINE MARIE (STELLA) EBBESEN, cousin, born in Portland or Falmouth, Me., daughter of Ferdinand P. and Volbina K. (Bruns) Ebbesen, of Falmouth, Me. She died about 1907 near Herman, Nebr.

He married, secondly, 13 Dec. 1911, at Herman Village, Nebr., SADIE CAMERON, of Herman, age 23, born in Washington County, Nebr., daughter of W. Cara and

Hattie (Wilson) Cameron; he then a resident of Payette, Id.; his mother is stated as: "Mette Lena Bruns"; Rev. W. J. Frost, officiated. M.R. Sadie his widow living at Herman, Nebr., with sisters Mary and Ruth.

In the winter of 1910, James Brodersen, then in ill health, went to Arizona accompanied by his brother Frank. Once there his recovery was so rapid that the couple went on to Payette, Id., via California, and Enumclaw, Wash. (where they visited the Brons family), where they bought a farm of 30-acres on which they lived in 1911. In 1912, however, they sold out and returned to Herman, Nebr., where he settled on the farm he had left. With the exception of one year at Payette, he made his home near Herman as a farmer. In 1935 he represented Nebraska with other farmers at a National AAA meeting held in Washington, D.C., and was honored as a Master Farmer. In the Spring of 1944, he retired from active life and moved into Herman. He was Chairman of the Farmer's Union at Herman, and of the Washington County AAA during the first six years of its existence in that county. He was a member of Landmark Lodge, A. F. & A. M., at Herman.

Child (Brodersen) by first wife, Christine:

i MAY,[3] m. 4 Mar. 1927, CARROLL VanVALIN; residing in Wakefield, Nebr., where he is proprietor of Carroll's Grocery. We are indebted to her for this family's history and much of that concerning James and Frank Brodersen.

Children (VanValin)-

(1) Janis, b. 7 Feb. 1928; m. 2d, Ronnie Otto; reside in Lincoln, Nebr.; she has a child, Bruce Dunning, by her former marriage who is living with his grandparents. She studied piano and played the clarinet in high school; is apt at painting.

Children (Otto)-

(I) BOBBIE, aged 3 years (late '54).

(II) SHAWN, aged 2 years (late '54).

(2) Charles, b. 10 Aug. 1929; m. June 1954, Ann Ticky, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Ticky, of Omaha, Nebr. A graduate of Wayne College (Bachelor's Degree), where he played in the band; plays the tuba and saxophone; studied piano. After College he was inducted into the army and served for two years, thereafter traveled extensively in this country, at-

tending the 1953 Bruns family reunion held in Portland, Me., by Mrs. Laura V. (Ebbesen) Poulsen. Now attending the Univ. of Colorado.

(3)Robert James, b. 13 Apr. 1932; working on a farm near Norfolk, Nebr. Active in Boy's Glee Club, Mixed Chorus and Church Choir while in high school.

(4)Richard, b. 7 July 1939; plays basketball and football; enters track meets; in Boy's Glee Club, Mixed Chorus and Church Choir. Studying piano.

Children (Brodersen) by second wife, Sadie:

ii RILEY,[3] aged 41 (late '54); living in Herman, Nebr., in 1944; m. NORMA SHULTZ, daughter of Martha and Henry, of Brainard, Nebr. Farming the Brodersen family homestead 7-1/2 miles southwest of Herman, Nebr.

Children (Brodersen)-

(1)Larry, aged 14 years (late '54). Attends school at Blair, Nebr., 15 miles from home.

(2)Dale, attending the "Brodersen School" located just over a knoll from the family homestead.

(3)Roger, also attending the Brodersen School.

(4)Linda, aged 7 years (late '54); also attending the Brodersen School.

iii CHARLES,[3] aged 39 (late '54); m. MARION TRIPLET, daughter of Ray and Mary, of Herman, Nebr. Farming a few miles north of Herman. Veteran of World War II (Lt. in the army in Germany).

Children (Brodersen)-

(1)Johnny, about 11 years old (late '54). Attends school at Herman.

(2)James, about 4 years old (late '54).

iv MALCOLM,[3] 36/37 years old (late '54); m. MARGARET McQUARRIE, the daughter of George and Maxom, of Blair, Nebr. Residing at Herman, Nebr., in 1944. Now farming near Craig, Nebr.

Childrer (Brodersen)-

(1)Susan, aged 14 years (late '54).

(2)Polly, aged 13 years (late '54).

(3)Robert, aged 10 years (late '54).

v HARRIET,[3] (would be 35 years old, late '54); d. aged 3-1/2 years, of scarlet fever.

vi ROBERT,[3] about 33 years old (late '54). A World War II Veteran (Lt. (Pilot) in A.F.). He m. PEARL LANG, daughter of Ernest and Emma of Herman, Nebr. Now farming a few miles north of Herman.

Children (Brodersen)-

(1)Joan, aged 4 or 5 years (late '54).

(2)Mike, aged 3 years (late '54).

(3)Sarah Kay, aged 1 year (late '54).

GEORGE[2]PETER BRODERSEN (Rasmus[1]), son of Rasmus and "Metta Lena" (Bruns) Brodersen, of Herman, Nebr., immigrants, was born 9 July 1885, in rural Her-

man, Nebr.B.R. Now retired and living with his wife in Omaha, Nebr. (late '54).

He married, 8 Jan. 1908, ANNA PETERSEN, b. 7 Dec. 1887, near Blair, Nebr., the fifth child in a family of seven children, even as himself. Her parents came to Nebraska shortly after his; her father is said to have "Traded his overcoat for a yearling heifer" in order to get a start.

George Brodersen, at the age of 17 or 18, left home to go to work for others, at $20 per month. In 1907 he started farming for himself, but continued to live with his mother and brother James until his own marriage, when he moved to another place which he farmed for 12 years. He was Census Enumerator for Washington County, Nebr., in 1920. In the fall of that year he sold out and moved to Fort Morgan, Col., because of his wife's health. There he was employed building tanks and buying up pickles. But in the fall of 1924 he returned to Fremont, Nebr., where he was employed for 7 more years by a refrigeration company, and for several more years by the State highway department. During World War II he took a position as guard at the Mead Ordnance Plant, where he continued until, 12 Sept. 1944, having suffered a severe heart attack, he was forced to retire.

Child (Brodersen):

i IRWIN CHARLES,[3] b. 28 May 1911. A World War II Veteran; m. LILLIAN SLOMA ( ), b. 19 July (now 35 or 36 years old - late '54). Residing in Omaha, Nebr., where he is Supt. of an apartment building. No issue.

FRANK[2]DETRICK BRODERSEN (Rasmus[1]), son of Rasmus and "Metta Lena" (Bruns) Brodersen, of Herman, Nebr., immigrants, born 21 Sept. 1890, in rural Herman, Nebr. He died 2 Dec. 1946, near Herman, Nebr., aged 56 years 2 months 11 days; burial at Herman.D.R.

He married MARY CAMERON, daughter of W. Cara and Hattie (Wilson) Cameron,

sister of Sadie (Cameron) Brodersen, wife of his brother James. She is now living at Herman, Nebr., with her sisters Sadie and Ruth.

With his brother James he went to Arizona in 1910, and on through California and Wasington, visiting the Brons family at Enumclaw, Wash., to Payette, Id., where they bought a farm of 30-acres, on which they lived in 1911. In 1912 they sold out and returned to Herman, Nebr., where he settled on a farm. He was living thereon in 1944. A World War I Veteran, he had enlisted in the army from Powell, Wyo., as Mess Sergeant, in the 148th Field Artillery. He is said to have seen service in five major engagements, including Chateau Theiry, St. Mihiel, and the Meuse-Argonne.

Children (Brodersen):

i RUTH,[3] aged 32 years (late '54); m. H. O. Westover, of Long Beach, Calif.; she went to California to teach school and remained there.

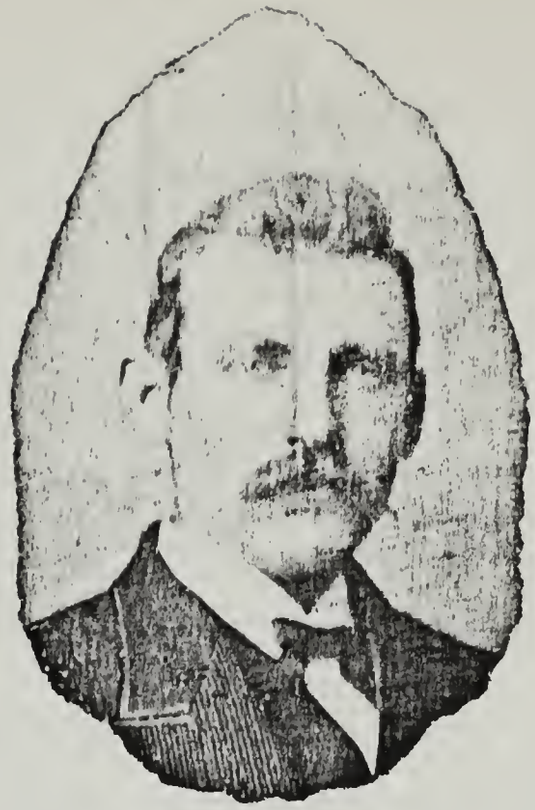
Children (Westover)-

(1)Boy.

(2)Boy.

ii CATHERINE,[3] 29 years old (10 Mar. 1955); a nurse at Omaha, Nebr.; unm.

iii CHARLES JAMES,[3] 17 years old (16 July 1954); a Junior at Herman high school. He and his mother, and the latter's sister Ruth Jackson, living with Mrs. Sadie (Cameron) Brodersen, at Herman, Nebr.; the three sisters all having lost their husbands within a period of 1-1/2 years.



NIELS ANDERSEN NIELSEN BRUNS

(1851 - 1922)

15.

NIELS ANDERSEN NIELSEN BRUNS, of PORTLAND, ME., and DESCENDANTS

First Generation

15. NIELS[1]ANDERSEN NIELSEN BRUNS, (Niels Anderson Nelson Bruns, Niels A. N. Bruns), who came to Portland, Me., from Denmark on 28 (himself; "29"N.R.) Sept. 1872, and was naturalized ("Niels A. N. Bruns") at Portland, Me., on 8 Sept. 1880(N.R.), was born in Vesterende, Ballum Parish, Tønder County, Denmark, 17 Jan. 1851, and baptized ("Niels Andersen Nielsen") in the parish church at Ballum, 20 Feb. 1851, eldest son of Jens Nielsen Brøns(8), immigrant, and his wife Kirstine Marie, nee Nicolaisen, who married in the parish church at Ballum on 18 Apr. 1850(M.R.).Bapt.R. He was confirmed ("Niels Andersen Nielsen Brøns") in the parish church at Rapsted, Tønder County, Denmark, on 25 Mar. 1866.Conf.R.

He was a grandson of Niels Andersen-Terp(6) and wife Else, nee Jensen Nederby, of the town and parish of Brøns, Denmark, who married in the parish church at Brøns, 12 Feb. 1819(M.R.), and a great-grandson of Anders Madsen(1) and wife El, nee Lauritsen, of the village of Terp, Bramming Parish, Gørding District, Ribe County, Denmark, who married in the parish church at Bramming, 30 Oct. 1770(M.R.).Land.V.

On emigrating to the U. S. he Anglicized (Bruns) his surname. He (Niels A. N. Bruns") died in Portland (Deering), Me., 17 July 1922, "aged 71 years 6 months"; burial at Pine Grove Cemetery, Falmouth, Me.D.R.

Niels A. N. Bruns, The Immigrant, married first, in the First Lutheran Church at Portland, Me., 1 June 1879, KAREN SOPHIE ANDERSEN; Rev. N. J. Ellestad, officiated.M.R. They were said to have been the first couple to wed in that church, which he is also said to have constructed. Karen was born

21 May 1851 (not 13 May 1852), in the village of Skuldelev (Skuldelev pr. Krogstrup), Horns District, Frederiksborg County, Sealand (Sjælland), Denmark, and baptized in the parish church there, 3 Aug. 1851, daughter of Anders Pedersen, farmer in Skuldelev and later of Gamløse, on the Isle of Ourø, (pr. Holbæk), in Isefjord (next to Horns District), and his wife Ane Sofie, nee Olsen ("Olsdatter").Bapt.R. and Land.C. She emigrated to Portland, Me., shortly after 1872; died in Cumberland, Me. (record at Falmouth), 5 Mar. 1895, burial at Pine Grove Cemetery, Falmouth, Me.D.R.*

He married secondly, in the First Lutheran Church at Portland, Me., 27 Jan. 1896, CLARA ELIZABETH WILHELMSEN (Anglicized Williamson), born 23 June 1860, in Mandal, Norway, daughter of Peter Andreas Wilhelmsen, jailer at Mandal, and his wife, Anna Otilie Lebahn Wilhelmsen; Rev. Knut O. Storli, officiated. M.R. Clara emigrated to Portland, Me., 11 Sept. 1894. She had spent some years in Denmark and a few years in England, before coming to the U. S. She died 8 Apr. 1940, at the home of her daughter Helen, in Freeport, Me., aged "79 years"; burial at Pine Grove Cemetery, Falmouth, Me.*

According to himself, Niels A. N. Bruns(15) having been ordered to appear in a draft for the German army in 1870, he together with Andreas C. Miller (Møller), later the husband of Niels' sister Else Marie Nielsen Bruns(17), and Christian Lausen, friends, escaped from Schleswig (then under German control) and went to Copenhagen. There they obtained work fishing to earn their passage to America. From Copenhagen they made their way to England, where they managed to get aboard the S. S. BUDA, on which among a cargo of sheep, the voyage to Quebec, Cda., was made. Once there, Niels contacted his uncle Mads Nielsen Bruns(13), at Portland, Me., who aided them in coming to Portland. Here Niels and Andreas at least, found employment as stevedores, the

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*Here the Bruns genealogy connects through Niels Andersen Nielsen Bruns(15) above, with the Pedersen-Andersen and Wilhelmsen genealogies in Section III, at Karen Sophie Andersen and Clara Elizabeth Wilhelmsen, respectively.

former soon obtaining work at the Portland Company where he was known for his feats of strength. Being a skilled carpenter and cabinetmaker, it was not long before he went into business for himself as a building contractor at Portland, in which work he became successful. He was active in that work until shortly before his death. He is said to have been the builder of the First Lutheran Church at Portland.

A man of honor and correct habits; fair in all his business relations; revered by his children and respected by all who knew him; never seen in anger; Niels A. N. Bruns was an outstanding and worthy representative of the family name. In religion a Lutheran; in politics a Republican.

He resided in Ballum and Rapsted, Denmark, and Portland and Deering, Me. His original description of the Bruns families as related to the compiler in 1920, was the direct cause of this genealogy being compiled. Anna his daughter, has said she believes that a Lawyer Anderson at Portland who handled her father's business affairs, was related to her father through his (Lawyer Anderson's) mother, who is believed to have come to Portland from Denmark and married for a second time.

There were four births in each marriage. His posterity is represented by the descendants of the children listed below, but his line will become extinct with the death of the children now living; neither of the sons have issue, but through the daughters the blood now flows in 25 descendants.

Children (Bruns) by first wife, Karen, born in Portland, Me.

90. i STILLBORN,[2] 7 July 1882.B.R.
91. ii INFANT,[2] (b. 20 Dec.); d. 26 Dec. 1886, aged 6 days.D.R.
92. iii NIELS ANDERSON NELSON JR.,[2] b. "Niels" 16 Sept. 1888.B.R.; d. 13 Oct. 1918, at Edgewood Arsenal, Md., a soldier of World War I; burial at Pine Grove Cemetery, Falmouth, Me.; n.m. Formerly employed in his father's business, he was a railroad man prior to entering service. His sister Anna's son Neal Bruns McCann, is named for him.

93. iv ANNA MARIE,[2] b. "Anna" 30 May 1892.B.R. Bapt. 17 June 1892 "Anna Marie Charlotte Bruns" in the First Lutheran Church at Portland, Me. She was educated in the public schools of Portland and Deering, Me. Employed as a saleslady prior to her marriage. Member of the Navy Mother's Club and O.E.S. Her mother d. when she was but three years old.

She m. 2 Oct. 1915, in the Dutch Reformed Church Parsonage, St. George, Staten Island, N. Y. City, KENNETH SUTHERLAND McCANN, the compiler, b. 12 May 1893, in Milford, Mass.(B.R.), son of Thomas Nash and Sarah Elizabeth (nee Gilman) McCann; Rev. George C. Lenington, officiated.M.R.*

His father was b. at Randolph, Mass., 10 Apr. 1857(B.R.), son of Thomas Nash and Margaret Nuns (nee Alley) McCann, of Nantucket and Randolph, Mass., who were m. at Nantucket, 27 June 1841(M.R.); d. 14 Feb. 1919, in South Portland, Me.D.R.*

His mother was b. 2 May 1864, in Saco, Me.(B.R.), daughter of Simon G. and Sarah Maria (nee Sutherland) Gilman, who were m. 24 Nov. 1852, in Saco; Rev. G. G. Strickland, officiated.M.R. She d. 2 Feb. 1928, in Portland, Me.D.R.**

His paternal grandfather was b. probably in Kilkenny, Ireland, about Aug. 1808; he d. 9 June 1883, on Nantucket.D.R.*

His paternal grandmother was b. 3 Mar. 1823, on Nantucket, daughter of John and Martha (nee Fisher) Alley(Nantucket VR I:31), who m., probably in Edgartown, Mass., 10 Aug. 1806 (Banks III: 174); d. at Nantucket, 25 Aug. 1908.D.R. Her ancestry traces back to Hugh Alley, who emigrated to America in the ABIGAIL from England, 1635, and settled at Lynn, Mass., the descent being: Hugh,[1] Hugh,[2] Benjamin,[3] Eleazer,[4] Richard,[5] John,[6] Margaret.[7]*

His maternal grandfather was b. about 29 June 1831 (not 1841), in Westbrook, Me., son of Simon and Elizabeth (nee Huston) Gilman, who m. at Westbrook, Me., 30 Oct. 1825(M.R. - Vol.1, page 152; Int. Vol.1, page 35); d. 7 Aug. 1896, in Hopedale, Mass. (D.R.); his ancestry traces back through the Newmarket Branch and the Hon. John Gilman Branch, to Edward Gilman, The Immigrant, who came in the DILIGENT from Hingham, England, 10 Aug. 1638, and settled in Hingham, Mass., moving to Exeter, N.H.; the grandfather's father, Simon Gilman, removed from Tamworth, N.H., to Westbrook, Me., as a young man, where he had a blacksmith's shop at Woodford's and later at Biddeford, Me.; the descent being Edward,[1] Moses,[2] Jeremiah,[3] Israel,[4] Col. David,[5] Simon,[6] Simon,[7] Simon G.[8]**

His maternal grandmother was b. in Saco, Me., 28 Apr. 1833, daughter of George Sutherland and his wife Joanna, nee Foss, who m. 11 Sept. 1814, at Saco; d. 11 Dec. 1918, in Milford, Mass. (D.R.); her ancestry traces back to Capt. Wm. Sutherland, b. about 1769/70 in N. Y. City, son of -------Sutherland and his wife Isabella (McKay) Sutherland, Scottish parents, who returned to Edinburgh, Scotland after about two years at New York. Capt. Wm. Sutherland m. 12 July 1792, at Biddeford, Me., Sarah Rhodes

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*Here the Bruns Genealogy connects through Anna Marie(93) above, with the McCann-Alley Genealogy 1954, by this compiler, which see for the McCann and Alley lineage.

**See McCann-Gilman Genealogy 1954, by this compiler, for the Gilman and Sutherland lineage.

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Anna Marie Bruns

(Confirmation Picture)

(Roads in Int.; Rhodes in family records; Rhoades in son's Memoirs), housekeeper of the Spring House, Biddeford, Me.(Int,); he d. 4 Nov. 1812, at New Orleans, La., Master's Mate aboard Gunboat #162. Sarah Rhodes d. 26 Sept. 1833. Joanna (Foss) Sutherland was b. in Saco, Me., 25 Apr. 1794, daughter of Capt. Walter and Hannah Foss, of Scarborough and Saco, Me.; d. in the fall of 1866.*

There are six children. The family resided in New Brighton and Mariners Harbor, Staten Island, N. Y. City; Perth Amboy, N. J.; Everett and Quincy, Mass.; Sault Ste Marie and Bay City, Mich.; South Jacksonville, Fla.; Berkeley, Calif.; and finally Glen Burnie, Md. He is a retired Lt. Comdr. USCG., Veteran of World War I & II; Member American Society of Naval Architects & Marine Engineers for many years.

Children (McCANN)-

(1)Kenneth Sutherland jr., b. 27 Sept. 1916, on Staten Island, N. Y. City.B.R. In the Navy from 1935 to 1955; World War II Veteran; in command of LST and Executive Officer on destroyer in the Asiatic-Pacific Theatre; now retired; living at Sewickley, Pa.

He m. 1st, at Baltimore, Md., Evaline Agnes Price, daughter of Richmond, Staten Island parents, whom he divorced in Seattle, Wash., in 1943; no issue by this union.

He m. 2d, 13 May 1947, in the Naval Chapel at Quonset, R.I., Alice Lloyd-Kogel, daughter of Paul M. Lloyd and Beatrice Alice (Schofield) Lloyd, of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Canton, O., and the adopted daughter of her mother's 2d husband, William Frederick Kogel, of Coraopolis, Pa., her mother's 1st marriage having ended in divorce. She was b. 7 July 1923, at Canton, O.; a World War II Veteran (Waves).**

Children (McCann) by second wife, Alice, b. in Sewickley-

(I)WILLIAM SUTHERLAND, b. 22 Apr. 1949.

(II)JONATHON FREDERIC, b. 29 May 1952.

(2)Neal Bruns, b. 10 July 1919, in Perth Amboy, N.J.B.R. Formerly Time Study Engineer, Electronics Div., Westinghouse Elec. Corp., Baltimore, Md.; now Supt. Standards Dept., The Vulcanized Fiber Co., Wilmington, Del.

He m. 9 May 1941, at Camp Springs, Md., Margaret Bernice Sander, b. 4 Mar. 1919, in Baltimore, Md., daughter of Charles Earl D'Arcy and Martha Bernice (Buckingham) Sander, of Baltimore and Linthicum, Md. Resided in Baltimore and Shipley, Md., and Wilmington, Del.; now living in Kennet Square, Pa.**

Children (McCann) born in Baltimore, Md.-

(I)MARJORIE BERNICE, b. 13 Mar. 1942.

(II)NEAL BRUNS JR., b. 29 Oct. 1945.

(3)Constance Ardella, b. 22 Mar. 1921, in Everett, Mass.B.R. She m. 26 Jan. 1945, at Mt. Ranier, Hyattsville, Md., Darrel Emil Sass, b. 30 May 1920, in Bloomfield, Nebr., son of John and

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*See McCann-Gilman Genealogy 1954, by this compiler.

**See McCann-Gilman Genealogy 1954, also, for Lloyd-Kogel, Sander and Sass lineage.

Emma Caroline (Maas) Sass, of Bloomfield and Norfolk, Nebr. A World War II Veteran (USCG); now Proprietor of a bar in Norfolk, Nebr.; formerly employed at the U. S. Coast Guard Yard, Curtis Bay, Md., as a specialist in refrigeration; he is a Member B.P.O.E. She is a Member of O.E.S.*

Children (Sass) born in Baltimore, Md.-

(I)DARREL EMIL JR., b. 24 Dec. 1945.

(II)STEPHEN THOMAS, b. 18 Nov. 1946; d. 3 Jan. 1947, at Baltimore, Md.

(III)KAREN ANN, b. 16 Apr. 1950.

(4)Clayton Willison, b. 7 July 1923, in Sault Ste Marie, Mich.B.R. A World War II Veteran (Navy), with service in both the Atlantic-European and Asiatic-Pacific Theatres. Attended Baltimore Univ. Employed locally by a crane corporation. Residing in Glen Burnie, Md. Member Masonic Orders. Is unm.

(5)Shirley Helen, b. 18 Nov. 1925, in Everett, Mass.B.R. She m. 3 May 1944, in the Glen Burnie Methodist Church, Charles Henry Peters Jr., b. 7 Nov. 1923, in Portsmouth, Va., son of Charles Henry Peters and his wife Mary Eppes, nee Davis, of Portsmouth, Va., and Linthicum, Md. A World War II Veteran (Navy) with service in the Asiatic-Pacific Theatre. Employed by the Baltimore Envelope Co. Living in Glen Burnie, Md.*

Children (Peters) born in Baltimore, Md.-

(I)DAVID GREGORY, b. 10 June 1947.

(II)CHARLES DAVIS, b. 1 Dec. 1948.

(III)THOMAS ALLEN, b. 10 Mar. 1953.

(6)Joan Ethel, b. 3 Dec. 1927, in Everett, Mass.B.R. She m. 29 June 1947, in her father's gardens at Glen Burnie, Md., Frederick Robert McGowan, b. 10 Nov. 1925, in Baltimore, Md., son of Frederick and Elsie Matilda (Jefferson) McGowan, of Baltimore and Glen Burnie, Md.; the only child. A World War II Veteran (A.F.), with service in Italy; now employed as an outside foreman by a local contractor. Reside in Glen Burnie, Md.*

Children (McGowan) born in Baltimore, Md.-

(I)BONNIE CAROL, b. 8 July 1949.

(II)MICHAEL EDWARD, b. 14 Jan. 1951.

(III)MARCIA KAY, b. 5 Aug. 1953.

Children (Bruns) by second wife, Clara, born in Portland, Me.

94. v **CARL WILLIAM**,[2] b. 19 Dec. 1896. Graduate of Shaw's Business College at Portland, Me.; Auditor and Railroad Supervisor of Mail Traffic, MCRR, at Portland, where he has been employed for the past 30 years.

He m., 29 June 1925, at Portland, Me., HAZEL VAUGAN CHIPMAN, of Madison and Portland, Me., b. about 1898, in Boston, Mass., daughter of Albert W. and Flora (Emery) Chipman; James W. Valentyne, Clergyman, officiated.M.R. Living at Portland, Me. No issue.

95. vi **HELEN MARIE**,[2] b. 23 May 1898; m. 1st, 4 Oct. 1930, in Portsmouth, N.H., FREDERICK W. CURREY, b. about 1893, in New Brunswick; Har-

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*See McCann-Gilman Genealogy 1954, by this compiler, for Sass, Peters and McGowan lineage.

old W. Curtis, Clergyman, officiated.M.R. This marriage presumably was annuled, there being no issue.

She m. 2d, ERNEST BEDKER, actor (stage name Calvert), b. about 1901, in Beaver Dam, Wis., son of August and Pauline (Westphal) Bedker. He is Proprietor of the Calvert Kennels at Freeport, Me., where the family lives.

Child (BEDKER)-

(1)Elizabeth Ann, b. 17 Aug. 1933, in Borough of Richmond, Staten Island, N. Y. City. Received her early education in the public schools of Freeport, Me.; a graduate of Freeport High School and the Univ. of Maine. Won speaking contests and prizes for dramatics. Offered a scholarship to Camden Dramatic School. Is unm.; teaching.

96. vii MINNIE ELIZABETH,[2] b. 11 Mar. 1900; m. 23 Apr. 1927, in Portland, Me., GEORGE LEON BRADBURY, b. 14 June 1900, in Boston (Roxbury), Mass.(B.R.). son of Ernest Clinton and Annie Gertrude (Haley) Bradbury; Andr. Bersagel, Clergyman, officiated.M.R. We are indebted to her for the history of her family and that of her mother, with notices of others of the family.

A World War I Veteran (AEF - 26th Div. Engrs.), in France for nearly 2 years. Employed by the Valvoline Oil Co., of New York, N. Y., as salesman and later New England Supervisor thereof for 22 years, after which he purchased the oil depot at Brunswick, Me. (1947), and since that time Proprietor of the oil business there. Member Knights Pythias, Grange, Masonic Orders, Odd Fellows, Kiwanis and Lions Clubs, and the Maine Petroleum Association and Hereford Association. President of East Deering Community Club for three years. Reside at Pownal, Me.

His father was b. in Portland, Me., d. when George was 6 years old. His mother also b. in Portland; m. 2d, Elmer Walton Chambers, a patrolman. His paternal grandparents were Sara Jane Ellinwood, of Grand Manan, N.B., and George Freeman Bradbury, a sea captain of Eastport, Me., the latter a contractor at Roxbury, Mass., in later years. His maternal grandfather was Horatio Haley, proprietor of a barber shop at Portland. He has one sister, Mrs. Helen Louise (Bradbury) Barnett, of Portland; a half-sister, Mrs. Ruth Carolyn (Chambers) Gain; and a half-brother, Elmer Walton Chambers jr.

Child (BRADBURY)-

(1)George Leon jr., b. 10 Sept. 1928, in Biddefotd, Me.; graduate of Freeport (Me.)High School '46; Veteran of the Korean war (5 Dec. 1950 -5 Dec. 1952), with 1-years service in Korea and nine months in hospital in Japan. Employed in father's business.

He m. 14 June 1951, in the First Lutheran Church at Portland, Me., Arlene Frances Litchfield, b. 13 Feb. 1928, at Pownal, Me., daughter of Victor Scott and Iona May (Osgood) Litchfield. She is one of a family of seven girls and three boys; also a graduate of Freeport High School. Her father was b. in Pownal, her mother in Freeport. Reside at Freeport.

Child (Bradbury)-

(I)JANE LYNN, b. 9 Sept. 1955, at Portland, Me.

97. viii HENRY ANDERSON NELSON,[2] b. 3 Oct. 1902; d. 19 Dec. 1937, at Portland, Me. (Deering). A former Maine State patrolman. He m. 15 Apr. 1936, at Portland, Me., BERTHA LUCILLE TRASK, b. about 1910 at Sidney, Me., daughter of James H. and Alice E. (Cummings) Trask; Emil A. Grefthen, Clergyman, officiated. M.R. No issue.

16.

FERDINAND P. and VOLBINA K. (BRUNS) EBBESEN, of FALMOUTH, ME., and THEIR DESCENDANTS

16. VOLDBINE[1]KATRINE NIELSEN BRØNS, (Volbina K. Bruns, Bine Bruns, Valdbine Catharine Nielsen Bruns), who came to Portland, Me., from Denmark, about 1868, was born in Vesterende, Ballum Parish, Tønder County, Denmark, 14 July 1852 (not 1853), and baptized ("Voldbine Katrine Nielsen") 11 Aug. 1852, in the parish church at Ballum, the third child of Jens Nielsen Bruns(8), immigrant, and his wife Kirstine Marie, nee Nicolaisen, who married 18 Apr. 1850, in the church at Ballum(M.R.).Bapt.R. She was confirmed ("Voldine Catharine Nielsen") 7 Apr. 1867, in the parish church at Rapsted, Tønder County, Denmark. Conf.R. She was generally known as "Volbina K."; her brother Niels A. N.(15) referred to her as "Bine."

She was a granddaughter of Niels Andersen-Terp(6) and wife Else, nee Jensen Nederby, of the town and parish of Brøns, Denmark, who married in the parish church at Brøns, 12 Feb. 1819(M.R.), and a great-granddaughter of Anders Madsen(1) and wife El, nee Lauritsen, of the village of Terp, Bramming Parish, Gørding District, Ribe County, Denmark, who married in the parish church at Bramming, 30 Oct. 1770(M.R.).Land.V.

She ("Volbina K. Ebbesen") died 24 May 1925, at Falmouth, Me., "aged 72 years 10 months 10 days."D.R.

Volbina emigrated to Portland, Me., probably with her father's brother Mads Nielsen Bruns(13) on the return trip of he and his wife from a visit to Denmark about 1868, and probably the first of the "Rapsted Bruns Line" to come to the U. S. On immigration she Anglicized (Bruns) her surname.

Volbina K. Bruns ("Valdbine Bruns"), The Immigrant, married, 27 Apr. 1872,

at Portland, Me., FERDINAND PETER EBBESEN ("Frederick Ebbeson"), of Portland, Rev. Isaac Luce, officiated.M.R. The couple celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in 1922.

FERDINAND[1]PETER EBBESEN, came to Portland, Me., from Denmark, in 1870, born in Denmark, 11 Nov. 1851, and naturalized ("Ferdenand Ebbeson") at Portland on 1 Nov. 1884.N.R. He was born in Copenhagen, Denmark, the son of Lars and Mariane Ebbesen, and grandson of Ebbe Larsen, according to his daughter, Mrs. Laura V. (Ebbesen) Poulsen, of Portland. He died 4 Aug. 1938, at Falmouth, Me. He is said to have left Denmark to avoid a draft; having to serve and wanting to enlist in the cavalry for which he was told he was too slight of build, and being told he would have to join the engineers, he sailed for the U. S. and soon was a citizen at Portland. Several brothers and sisters also came to the U. S. He was a blacksmith by trade.

Following their marriage, 27 Apr. 1872, at Portland, Ferdinand P. and Volbina K. (Bruns) Ebbesen, The Immigrants, settled on a farm at Falmouth, Me., where he had a dairy (milk) business. Their posterity are represented by the descendants of the six children listed immediately following.

Children of Ferdinand Peter Ebbesen and wife Volbina
Born in Portland and Falmouth, Me.

i MARIANE ELSIE,[2] b. 30 Oct. 1872, in Portland, Me. (Record unattainable at Portland).F.R. She d. 20 May 1943, in Poland, Me.
She m. John Berlin, b. in Gunnarp, County Halland, Sweden, a locksmith, employed by Russell & Erwin, of New Britain, Conn.; resided in Poland, Me. and New Britain, Conn.
Children (Berlin)-
(1)Ernest Ferdinand, b. 28 Apr. 1900, in Portland, Me., adopted, son of Edward L. Larson and Christina M. Lawson.
(2)Ruth Irene, b. 20 Sept. 1905, in New Britain, Conn. Medical Record Librarian at Morrisania City Hospital, Bronx, N. Y. City. Received her training at the Mass. General Hospital, Boston, Mass. We are indebted to Miss Ruth I. Berlin, for the Berlin family history.

ii JENS CHRISTIAN,[2] (Jack), b. 24 Nov. 1874, in Portland.F.R.
iii LAURENCE,[2] b. 13 Nov. 1876, in Portland.F.R.
iv CHRISTINE MARIE,[2] (Stella); m. James Christian Brodersen, cousin, son of Rasmus and Metta Lena (Bruns) Brodersen, of Herman, Nebr.; d. in rural Herman.

Child (Brodersen)-

(1)May; m. 4 Mar. 1927, Carroll VanValin, residing in Wakefield, Nebr., where he is proprietor of Carroll's Grocery. FOR HER FAMILY AND DESCENDANTS SEE THE BRODERSEN GENEALOGY, PAGE 55.

v LAURA VOLBINA,[2] b. 17 Apr. 1881, in Portland. Reared and educated in Falmouth, Me. A telephone operator before marriage. Held a Bruns family reunion Picnic in 1953. The oldest living descendant of Jens Nielsen Bruns(8).

We are indebted to her for the Ebbesen family history, and for much of the information on others of the Jens Bruns and Jef Bruns families. A most generous contributor, whose time and correspondence has been most helpful.

She m. 10 June 1902, in Portland, Me., Aage Iver Poulsen. b. 2 Sept. 1875, in India, son of Rev. Iver Kristian Poulsen, one of eight children (five boys and three girls) all b. in India excepting the daughter Kirsten, who was b. in Copenhagen while the parents were home on furlough from India, and the two youngest boys, George and Frank, b. in Portland, Me.

Mr. Poulsen was educated in Copenhagen, Denmark until, at the age of 12 years, the family having emigrated to Portland, Me., his education was completed there. He went to sea at the age of 15, making three trips to Rio. A retired office executive, he started working for H. H. Hays Sons, druggists at Portland, at the age of 18, continuing in their employ for 21 years, beginning at a salry of $3 weekly. He then was employed by the Walter Corey Co., of Portland, for 27 years, at the end of which time (1941) he returned to work for H. H. Hays Sons, from where he retired in 1955. Mr. and Mrs. Poulsen celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in 1952.

Mr. Poulsen's father, Rev. I. K. Poulsen, was b. 24 Sept. 1846, at Ringkøbing, North Jutland, Denmark. At the age of 15 years he taught school in a near-by village, but became interested in foreign missionary work and in 1865 was admitted to the Mission Institute at Copenhagen, from where he graduated in 1870. He offered his services to the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, as a missionary to Rajhmundry, India, and was ordained in English, Danish and Talugu. In Oct. 1872, his fiancee came to India, where the couple were married, 10 Jan. 1873; Rev. C. F. Crammer, Missionary, officiated. In 1881, Rev. Poulsen and his family, on furlough from Rajhmundry, spent one year and nine months in Copenhagen, where on the return of the family to India, three of the children were left with the mother's sister to receive their education. Rev. Poulsen withdrew from the Mission in 1888, and left India, where he had served with great success in missionary work, and came to the U. S., where he served Danish congregations in Portland, Me., Omaha, Nebr., and Marinette, Wis. He d. 26 Sept. 1913, at the latter place, aged 67 years. Many of the Bruns family had been married by him and he had baptized their children and officiated at the interment of some.

Children (Poulsen) born in Portland, Me.-

(1)Dorothy, b. 17 May 1903; d. 9 Oct. 1918, in Portland.

(2)Marion Frances, b. 2 July 1906. An art teacher; she received her training at the School of Design for Women, in Philadelphia, Pa.

She m. Christopher Kendric Brown, b. 27 Feb. 1904, in Charlotte, N.C., son of Christopher James Brown, of Pawtucket, R.I., and Flora Adela (Patten) Brown, b. in Oxford, N.S., a descendant of the founder of Brown Univ.; reside at Rumford, R.I. He is Manager of the Dispatching Dept. of the Atlantic Refining Co., at East Providence, R.I.

Children (Brown) born in Providence, R.I.-

(I)PAUL PATTEN, b. 22 Feb. 1936; graduated from Mount Hermon, Mass. Prepatory School '53; now attending Brown Univ.

(II)CHRISTY JANE, b. 10 Jan. 1946.

(3)Lois V., b. 25 May 1908. A teacher; educated in the public schools of Portland, Me., and Gorham Normal School (Me.).

She m., 1st, (?); divorced; no issue by this union.

She m., 2d, Donald Angus Mackay, b. 29 Apr. 1911, in Savanah, Ga., son of Arnold Jenks and Anne Ellen (Morris) Mackay. He was educated in preparatory schools in Chicago, Ill., Detroit, Mich., and N. Y. City; the National Academy of Design; and a season at Academy Julien, Paris, France. A commericial artist, he is Art Director for the Armstrong Linoleum Co., Lancaster, Pa. His father, b. 9 May 1876, at Ossining, N.Y., was educated in preparatory schools at Lima, N.Y.; Belevue Medical School, N. Y. City; and the Univ. of Edinburgh, in Scotland; he began his practice at Atlanta, Ga., having to give up his practice account of illness. His mother, b. 29 Mar. 1873, in Snowshoe, Pa., was educated at Phillipsburg, Pa.; a descendant of Robert Morris, Signer of The Declaration of Independence; was in millinery work.

Child (Mackay)-

(I)DONALD BRUCE, b. 7 June 1941, in Portland, Me.-

(4)Ruth Eleanor, unm.; a home service decorator at Cambridge, Mass. In dietetic work for sometime; now engaged in home economics as Home Service Director for the Eastern Co., Kelvinator Distributor, at Cambridge. Graduated from The School of Domestic Science; studied at Columbia Summer School, Boston Univ.

(5)Constance Elizabeth, b. 4 Feb. 1920; m. 9 Aug. 1941, in Falmouth, Me., Morton Curtis Irving, b. 4 Dec. 1919, in Old Orchard, Me., son of Curtis Smith and Ella (Lonsdale) Irving; his father b. in North Kennebunk, Me., his mother in Saco, Me. He was employed as a linesman with the Central Maine Power Co., when accidentally killed, 4 Sept. 1947; a World War II Veteran (USNCB).

Children (Irving) born in Portland, Me.-

(I)JO ANN, b. 9 Apr. 1943.

(II)KATHLEEN LONSDALE, b. 22 Oct. 1946.

vi DOROTHEA,[2] b. 1 May 1891; d. Feb. 1943. She m. Harvey E. McCann, b. 13 May 1886, in Portland, Me., son of Edward and Annie (Huston) McCann; an electrician at Westbrook, Me. He d. in 1955.

Children (McCann) born in Falmouth, Me.-

(1)Stanley Edward, b. 12 Nov. 1910; a garage mechanic; m. Virginia R. Welsh, b. 18 Jan. 1913, in Augusta, Me., daughter of Robert Francis and Grace (MacLaury) Welsh; her father of Friendship, Me., her mother of Lewiston, Me.

Children (McCann)-

(I)STANLEY EDWARD JR., b. 28 Aug. 1931, in Portland, Me.; m. Dorothy Neder, b. Mar. 1933, in Sacramento, Calif.

(II)PAMELA DOROTHY, b. 21 Dec. 1944.

(2)Elva, b. Nov. 1911; d. 30 Oct. 1941.

(3)Harvey Ebbesen, b. 14 Apr. 1913. Manager of Armour & Co., at Portland, Me. He m. Florence M. Winslow, b. 24 Nov. 1911, daughter of Edward E. and Myrtle V. (Morgan) Winslow, a secretary at Falmouth, Me.; her father b. 16 Aug. 1882, Station Agent for the MCRR; her mother b. 24 Oct. 1882, a teacher.

Children (McCann) born in Falmouth, Me.-

(I)MAUREEN M., b. 1 Oct. 1936; a student doing secretarial work at Falmouth.

(II)JEANEEN J., b. 17 Sept. 1940; a student at Falmouth, Me.

(4)Elizabeth Stuart, b. 23 Nov. 1914; a registered nurse; m. John Joseph Pollard Welch, b. 28 Feb. 1914, son of John Joseph and Margie Louise (Pollard) Welch; a drop-hammer operator; his father b. 1890, in Portland, Me., his mother b. 14 Aug. 1894, in Fairfield, Me.

Children (Welch)-

(I)PENELOPE ANN, b. 24 Jan. 1948.

(II)JOHANNA ELLEN, b. 3 Nov. 1952.

JENS[2]CHRISTIAN EBBESON (Ferdinand[1]), (Jack), son of Ferdinand Peter and Volbina K. (Bruns) Ebbesen, of Falmouth, Me., immigrants, born 24 Nov. 1874, in Portland, Me.F.R.; died 25 Nov. 1954, in Sedro Woolley, Wash., where he had resided for 50 years.(Obituary)

He married, first, NETTIE ( ), who died when her only child was yet a baby. He married secondly, NELLIE MAY DWINELL, born 28 Jan. 1890, in Amity, Ark.; she now residing in Sedro Woolley. We are indebted to her for the history of the Jens Christian Ebbeson family.

Child (Ebbeson) by first wife, Nettie-

i JOHN C. BALEY,[3] (Jack), b. 18 Jan. 1915, in Sedro Woolley, Wash. He m. Dorothy Elizabeth Nelson, b. 2 Aug. 1922, in Bow, Wash. He is a baker; proprietor of a doughnut shop in Seattle, Wash.

Child (Ebbeson)-

(1)Jacquie Ann, b. 10 Jan. 1948, in Seattle, Wash.

Children (Ebbeson) by second wife, Nellie-

ii ORRIS FERDINAND,[3] b. 11 Apr. 1923, in Sedro Woolley, Wash.; a nurse at Washington State Hospital, Sedro Woolley; m. Fern Ailene MacGee, b. 26 July 1922, in Paxton, Nebr., a nurse at General Hospital.

Children (Ebbeson)-

(1)Michael Scott, b. 5 Dec. 1951, in Mt. Vernon, Wash.

(2)Patricia Leigh, b. 23 Sept. 1953, in Sedro Woolley, Wash.

iii HENRY DWINELL,[3] b. 22 Aug. 1926, in Sedro Woolley, Wash.; a policeman at Seattle, Wash.; m. Margaret May Fleichman, b. 4 Feb. 1924, in Boise, Id.

Child (Ebbeson)-

(1)Mark Charles, b. 5 May 1950, in Seattle, Wash.

LAURENCE[2]EBBESON (Ferdinand[1]), son of Ferdinand Peter and Volbina K. (Bruns) Ebbesen, of Falmouth, Me., immigrants, born 13 Nov. 1876, in Portland, Me. F.R.; died 18 Jan. 1918, in a trolley-car accident; he was a trolley-car operator.

He married, 27 Oct. 1898, in Portland, Me., ANNA K. WESTBERG, born 5 Oct. 1878, in Norway, Europe. There being no sons, his branch became extinct with his death. She is living at Portland, Me.

Children (Ebbeson) born in Portland, Me.-

i FLORA E.,[3] b. 11 Nov. 1900; m. Paul R. Hodgdon, 26 Dec. 1928, in Portland, Me., b. in South Berwick, Me., son of John F. and Bessie (Ridley) Hodgdon, of that place; his father Agent at Blanket Mill. He is Claims Manager for Associated Hospital Service of Maine. Reside at Portland, Me. No issue.

ii EVELYN,[3] b. 27 June 1902; m. 2 Sept. 1944, Clarence W. Whittle, of Pawtucket, R.I., b. 24 Jan. 1898, at Warwick, R.I., son of Frank Warren and Maude (Wilkinson) Whittle; a bookkeeper. No issue.

iii VIRGINIA,[3] b. 7 Aug. 1910; m. 28 Mar. 1942, William Ewing Smith, of Manchester, N.H., b. 23 Nov. 1909, at that place, son of Daniel Longmuir and Margaret (Ewing) Smith, of Manchester; an accountant, Treasurer of an oil company. No issue.

(We are indebted to Mrs. Flora Hodgdon for the history of the Laurence Ebbeson family.)

17.

ANDREAS C. and ELSA M. (BRUNS) MILLER, of FALMOUTH, ME., and EUGENE, ORE., AND THEIR DESCENDANTS

17. ELSE[1]MARIE NIELSEN BRUNS, (Elsa M. Bruns), who came to Portland, Me., from Denmark, 1872/73, was born in Vesterende (not Rapsted), Ballum Parish, Tønder County, Denmark, 27 Jan. 1854, and baptized ("Else Marie Nielsen") 18 Feb. 1854, in the parish church at Ballum, the fourth child of Jens Nielsen Bruns(8), immigrant, and his wife Kirstine Marie, nee Nicolaisen, who married 18 Apr. 1850, in the church at Ballum(M.R.).Bapt.R. She was confirmed 'Else Marie Nielsen") 19 Apr. 1868, in the parish church at Rapsted, Tønder County, Denmark.Conf.R. Called "Lille Elsa."

She was a granddaughter of Niels Andersen-Terp(6) and wife Else, nee Jensen Nederby, of the town and parish of Brøns, Denmark, who married 12 Feb. 1819 (M.R.), in the parish church at Brøns, and a great-granddaughter of Anders Madsen(1) and wife El, nee Lauritsen, of the village of Terp, Bramming Parish, Gørding District, Ribe County, Denmark, who married 30 Oct. 1770(M.R.), in the parish church at Bramming.Land.V.

She ("Elsa Marie Miller") died 23 July 1924, in Eugene, Ore., "aged 70 years 5 months 26 days"; resided two miles west of Eugene; burial at Danebo Cemetery. D.R. She was a witness at a baptism in Rapsted on 10 Feb. 1872.Jens.

Elsa emigrated to Portland, Me., unaccompanied by friend or relative, aboard a sailing vessel which limped into Portland harbor long overdue and partly dismasted, after having been given up for lost. She has been described by some of the older women of the Bruns families now living, as having been: "One of the finest of women." When old enough, Elsa was employed at the Parsonage in Rapsted, Denmark. The daughter "Tena" wrote the following anecdotes con-concerning her mother:

One of her duties at the Parsonage in Rapsted was to ring the church bell, but being small---she was called "Lille Elsa"---she had difficulty getting the bell swinging until a board was attached to the bell-rope for her to jump upon.

She told of her mother warning her children to be on the lookout each Spring for a pair of storks to arrive from their winter home on the Nile, to build their nest in an old wagon-wheel the father had placed for the purpose on the roof of their Rapsted house.

Andreas C. Miller(Møller) courted her at the Bruns (Brøns) homestead in Rapsted, where among a family of five girls and five boys, having a good voice, he would sing while the girls were required to sit and spin linen. And being an apprentice-shoemaker at the time, he made her a pair of slippers as a mark of his affection and efficiency.

Elsa M. Bruns ("Elsie M. Bruns"), The Immigrant, married 19 Sept. 1873, at Portland, Me., ANDREAS CHRISTIAN MILLER ("Andrew Miller"), then of Portland; Rev. Israel Luce, officiated.M.R. The couple celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in the Luthern Church at Eugene, Ore., in 1923.

ANDREAS[1]CHRISTIAN MILLER came to Portland, Me., from Denmark, 28 Sept. 1872, and was naturalized ("Andres Christian Miller") 29 Aug. 1884, at Portland.N.R. He was born "Andreas Christian Müller" in Hostrup, Tønder County, Denmark, 14 Mar. 1851 (not 4 Mar. 1852), son of Laust Christian Müller and his second wife Caroline, nee Sørensen, in which marriage also was a daughter Marianna Møller, born 30 June 1853.Land.A. See Mrs. Lena Schmedegaard, page 13, "84 years old in 1954," who it is said, also is a sister to Andreas. He died 6 June 1932, in Yuba City, Calif.; burial at Danebo Cemetery.

The father ("Laust Christian Müller(Møller)") had married first, Ester Maria, nee Greisen, by whom there was a daughter Ester Maria Müller, born 17 Jan. 1849.Land.A.

He fled Schleswig to escape being drafted by the Germans. With Niels A. N. Bruns(15) and Christian Lausen, mutual friends, he went to Copenhagen. The trio later made their way to England, from where among a cargo of sheep aboard the S. S. BUDA, the voyage to Quebec, Cda., was made; thence, with the help of Niels' uncle Mads(13), to Portland. Again with Mads' help, Andreas and his

friend Niels obtained employment as stevedores, work which the former soon found "back-breaking" and left to go to work with a railroad construction gang. There in a scuffle with one of the Irish hands, he received a back injury from which he never entirely recovered; the Irishman it appears, had resented a Dane being in the gang.

He is remembered by the wife of the compiler as wearing a long red beard; as being a deeply religious person, playing the organ mornings before going out into the fields. He loved his adopted country and was deeply appreciative of his citizenship. He was a shoemaker by trade.

Following their marriage, 19 Sept. 1873, at Portland, Andreas C. and Elsa M. (Bruns) Miller, The Immigrants, settled on a farm at Falmouth, Me., where he was a successful farmer. In 1908, however, he moved his family to Eugene, Ore., and those of the family who meanwhile had married and settled in or about Portland, Me., soon followed. Their posterity are represented by the descendants of the six children listed immediately following. The male line will become extinct with the death of the son Lauritz, but through the females the blood flows in many descendants.

Children of Andreas Christian Miller and wife Elsa
Born in Portland and Falmouth, Me.

i CAROLINA,[2] (Lena), b. 30 July 1874, in Portland, Me. (Record unattainable at Portland). F.R. She d. 1936, in Oakland, Calif.
She m. John G. Robinson, of Westbrook, Me., son of Robert Samuel of Milbridge, Me., and Susan (Stover) of Brunswick, Me., b. 10 Nov. 1874, in Cambridge, Mass. He is living with his daughter Marie, at Eugene, Ore. A carpenter and builder at Portland, Me., he moved his family to Eugene, Ore., soon after her parents settled there.
Children (Robinson) born in Falmouth, Me.-
(1) Susan, b. 25 Jan. 1897; d. 23 Mar. 1897.
(2) David, b. 1 June 1898; d. 1911, in Eugene, Ore.
(3) Lauritz R. (Lawrence), b. 21 Apr. 1900; a retired mail carrier of Oakland, Calif.; he and wife living at Eugene, Ore.
He m. 1st, 1922, Gladys Chambers, of Visalia, Calif., who d. 1924, in Oakland, Calif., soon after the birth of her only child. He m. 2d, 14 Apr. 1930, in Martinez, Calif., Helen

Behrman, b. in Oakland, Calif., by whom there is no issue.
Child (Robinson)by first wife Gladys-
(I)GLADYS JANE, b. 8 Feb. 1924, in Oakland, Calif.; m. 1952, in Eugene, Ore., Thomas Jacques.
(4)Warren, b. 5 May 1902; d. 1904, in Falmouth, Me.
(5)Norman, b. 27 Oct. 1906. A successful contractor at Oakland, Calif. He m. 1st, Ruth Blabon; divorced; m. 2d, Evelyn Gorman. Living at Oakland.
Child (Robinson) by first wife, Ruth-
(I)SUSAN, b. about 1932, in Oakland, Calif.

Children (Robinson) by second wife Evelyn-
(II)NORMAN JR., b. 1942.
(III)CHRISTINA, b. about 1947.
(6)Marie, b. 16 June 1908; m. 1926, Harold V. Jensen, at San Jose, Calif., b. 1903, in Superior, Wis., reared in Eugene, Ore.; a builder. Living in Eugene, Ore. We are indebted to her for the history of the John G. Robinson family.
Children (Jensen) born in Oakland, Calif.-
(I)HAROLD JR., b. 20 Jan. 1928; accidentally killed while with the occupation forces (Air Force) in Freiham, Germany, in 1948.
(II)JOHN J., b. 23 Aug. 1930. A carpenter. He m. 1951, Joanne Fischer, b. in Oakland, Calif.; child: Laura b. Nov. '52.*
(III)NANCY, b. 1 June 1937.
(IV)DIANE, b. 1 July 1942.

ii LAURITZ N.,[2] b. 18 Feb. 1882, in Falmouth, Me.
iii JENS,[2] b. in Maine; d. there, aged 12 years.
iv CHRISTINA,[2] b. in Falmouth, Me.; d. aged 3 years.
v NIELS,[2] b. 1889, in Maine; d. 1919, in Eugene, Ore., unm.
vi JENSINA CHRISTINA MARIE,[2] (Tena), b. 8 July 1893, in Falmouth, Me. Accompanied her parents to Eugene, Ore., in 1908, where she was employed in the Tel. Co's office until her marriage. "One of the finest of women." We are indebted to her for most of the Miller family history.
She m. 23 Sept. 1916, in Eugene, Ore., Richard Wheelis Brandt, of Spokane, Wash., b. 31 May 1893, in Rockford, Wash.; his mother a Wheelis, whose family was from Maryland. Moved from Eugene to Yuba City, Calif., in 1928, where they now reside. After marriage, Dick Brandt, formerly a mechanic, sold dehydraters for the L. N. Miller Dehydrater Co., but now is in business for himself, operating a prune dehydrater and drying seed.
Children (Brandt) born in Eugene, Ore.-
(1)Richard Wheelis jr., b. 1 July 1917; m. 24 Dec. 1937, in Reno, Nev., Bonita Woodward. Formerly a car-painter; during World War II a cadet in the Air Force; now Manager of the Yuba County Airport, Calif. Residing in Marysville, Calif.
Children (Brandt)-
(I)TERRY RICHARD, b. 20 Aug. 1940, in Yuba City, Calif.
(II)JUDITH MARIE, b. 17 Nov. 1941, in Yuba City, Calif.
(III)PATRICIA JOAN, b. 23 Jan. 1943, in Alturas, Calif.
(2)Roger Miller, b. 1 Oct. 1919. A Captain in the Air Force during World War II; Pilot on a B-24 in England the last year of that war; previously an Instructor on bombers at Victorville,

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*Born in Eugene, Ore.

Calif.; has many medals and citations. Now a car salesman at Yuba City.

He m. 1st, 27 Mar. 1939, in Reno, Nev., Betty Salem; divorced. She an invalid, living in Yuba City, her father remarried.

He m. 2d, 18 June 1950, in Lewiston, Id., Marian Smith, a talented organist, at Lewiston at the time, who had appeared on radio, etc. Residing in Marysville, Calif.

Children (Brandt) by first wife, Betty, born in Yuba City, Calif.:

(I)MICHAEL JAMES, b. 7 Aug. 1940.
(II)GILBERT CARY, b. 22 Mar. 1942.

LAURITZ[2]N. MILLER (Andreas[1]), son of Andreas Christian and Elsa M. (Bruns) Miller, of Falmouth, Me., and Eugene, Ore., immigrants, born 18 Feb. 1882, in Falmouth, Me.; living in Eugene, Ore., to where he removed in 1911.

He married, 21 Oct. 1903, in Falmouth, Me., ANNIE HANSEN, daughter of Niels and Kirsten, of Falmouth, Me., b. 1882, in Falmouth. They celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in 1953. She has three sisters living, viz: Lizzie Aaskov, of Portland, Me.; Josie Petersen, of Westbrook, Me.; and Lillian Manning, of South Portland, Me. Her father is remembered by the wife of the compiler as wearing large gold earrings. We are indebted to him for much of the history of his parents and grandfather, Jens N. Bruns(8).

Lauritz N. Miller, with John G. Robinson, husband of Carolina above, built houses in and about Portland, Me., prior to his moving to Eugene, Ore., in 1911. At Eugene, he purchased a prune orchard, on which property was an old prune dryer. Becoming dissatisfied with the old method of drying, he invented a dehydrater of his own, which was the beginning of the L. N. Miller Dehydrater Co., in which venture he became successful. He added many features to his original invention and is still doing business at the age of 72 years; also runs a dehydrater in the fall on nuts. His branch and the Miller line will become extinct with his death, but through the daughters there are a number of descendants.

Children (Miller) born in Portland, Me. and Eugene, Ore.-

i RUTH E.,[3] b. 3 Oct. 1904, in Portland, Me. She m. 14 Jan. 1928, in Eugene, Ore., Rev. George William Shafer, b. 22 Feb. 1904, in Wichita, Kas., son of Edward L. (deceased), b. in Shelby, Ind., and Cora Del (Boles), b. in Michigan. They reside in Martinez, Calif., where he is Pastor of a church. We are indebted to her for the history of this family.

Children (Shafer) born in Eugene, Ore.-

(1)Leona Marie, b. 22 Mar. 1928; m. Rev. Leif Mervin Malmin, b. 11 May 1929, in Chicago, Ill., son of Lewis M., b. in Norway, Europe, and Mathilda, also b. in Norway. Residing at Martinez, Calif., at last accounts.

Children (Malmin)-

(I)KENNETH PAUL, b. 29 May 1951, in Glendale, Calif.

(II)LINDA MARIE, b. and d. 2 Nov. 1953.

(2)Ruth LeMay, b. 18 Dec. 1932; m. Harold Evert Cox, at Martinez, Calif., b. 29 Nov. 1930, in Lowell, Ore., son of Charles M., b. Guyman, Okla., and Vena A., b. in Winberry, Lane Co., Ore.

ii ELSIE,[3] b. 13 Feb. 1906, in Portland, Me.; m. 24 Mar. 1928, in Eugene, Ore.. Jens Sorensen.

Children (Sorensen)-

(1)Eileen Ann, b. 16 Oct. 1929; m. 8 June 1954, in Lodi, Calif., Archie M. Duguid.

(2)Lillian June, b. 7 June 1935; unm.

iii RICHARD,[3] b. 10 (or 11) Nov. 1907; d. 10 (or 16) Aug. 1908.

iv PAULINE,[3] b. 10 Nov. 1919; d. 18 Nov. 1924.

18.

CHRISTIAN NICOLAISEN NIELSEN BRUNS, of FALMOUTH, ME., and DESCENDANTS

First Generation

18. CHRISTIAN[1] NICOLAISEN NIELSEN BRUNS, (Christian Nielsen Bruns, Christian N. Bruns), who came to Portland, Me., 23 May 1878, from Denmark, and was naturalized ("Christian N. Bruns") at Portland, Me., on 1 Nov. 1884(N.R.), was born in Rapsted Field,* Rapsted Parish, Slogs District, Tønder County, Denmark, 11 (not 12) May 1856, and baptized ("Christian Nicolaisen Nielsen Brøns") in the parish church at Rapsted, 1 June 1856, the fifth child of Jens Nielsen Bruns (8), immigrant, and his wife Kirstine Marie (Christine Marie in Rapsted records), nee Nicolaisen, who married in the parish church at Ballum, Tønder County, Denmark, 18 Apr. 1850(M.R.).Bapt.R. He was confirmed as baptized in the church at Rapsted, 24 Mar. 1872.Conf.R.

He was a grandson of Niels Andersen-Terp(6) and wife Else, nee Jensen Nederby, of the town and parish of Brøns, Denmark, who married 12 Feb. 1819(M.R.) in the parish church at Brøns, and a great-grandson of Anders Madsen(1) and wife El, nee Lauritsen, of the village of Terp, Bramming Parish, Gørding District, Ribe County, Denmark, who married 30 Oct. 1770(M.R.), in the parish church at Bramming.Land.V.

On emigrating to the U. S., he Anglicized (Bruns) his surname. He died at Falmouth, Me., 24 July 1922, but his death seems not to be recorded at Falmouth, Portland, or Augusta, Me.? The first of the children of Jens Nielsen Bruns(8) and wife Kirstine, to be born at Rapsted, Denmark; four others were earlier born at Ballum, Denmark. Like his brothers, he fled Schleswig (taken by Prussia and Austria in 1864, and annexed to Prussia in 1866) to escape a draft for the German army.

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*See second footnote, page 14.

Christian N. Bruns, The Immigrant, married, 11 Sept. 1880, at Portland, Me., LOUISA HELGENSTYLE (Helgenstyle in Int.; Holgenstyle in M.R.), of Portland, Me.; Rev. A. S. Ladd, officiated.M.R. She (Louise H. F. Helgenstyle in F.R.) was born 12 Oct. 1854, in Denmark, Europe.F.R. The daughter Clara's marriage record shows the mother to be born in "Germany" as do many records of persons born in the Danish duchy of Schleswig before it was annexed to Prussia; a fact it is well to keep in mind. She outlived her husband; had at least one sister in the U. S.

The couple settled on a farm at Falmouth, Me., where he became a respected and very successful farmer. The Christian N. Bruns farm, a beautiful, well-kept and prosperous farm, will long be remembered as the scene of annual Bruns family picnics, where all the Bruns and related families of Carlsens, Ebbesens, Johnsons, Millers, Lunds and Petersens, as well as the Brodersens from Nebraska on one occasion at least, gathered on Labor Days for reunion.

Christian wore a well-trimmed beard. A skilled carpenter, having learned the trade in Denmark as all his brothers did, he was the builder of the Lutheran Church at Falmouth, Me. He resided in Rapsted, Denmark, and Portland and Falmouth, Me.

His posterity is represented by the descendants of the five children listed immediately following. As the son Jens was without issue, the Christian N. Bruns line will become extinct with the death of the children now living, but through the daughters there are a number of descendants to carry on the blood.

Children (Bruns) born in Portland and Falmouth, Me.-

98. i CLARA MARIA,[2] (twin), b. 13 Dec. 1880, in Portland, Me.B.R. She d. in June 1951; m. 8 Nov. 1904, in Portland, Me., HERBERT M. HINCKS, now deceased, a stereotyper, b. about 1877, in Falmouth,

Me., the son of Broda A. and Annie C. (Larsen) Hincks, both b. in "Germany"; A Dalton, Clergyman, officiated.M.R. Settled at Falmouth, Me.

Children (HINCKS)-

(1)Louise Gertrude, b. 22 July 1906, in Falmouth, Me.; bookkeeper for King & Dexter Co.; m. 18 June 1948, John B. Bulson, salesman, son of John and Hattie (Brackett) Bulson. (A John Brackett Bulson m. July 1938, at Portland, Me., Dorothy Harriet Allen).

(2)Raymond Arthur, b. 19 Mar. 1911, at Portland, Me.; m. 21 June 1947, at Portland, Kathleen E. Washburn, bank clerk, b. about 1911, at West Lubec, Me., the daughter of Alex E., b. in Trescott, Me., and Ada I. (Lewis) Robinson, b. in Moncton, N.B.; her 2d marriage; Frederick H. Thompson, Clergyman, officiated.M.R.

99. ii VELHOLM MARIA,[2] (twin), b. 13 Dec. 1880, in Portland, Me.B.R.; d. in infancy.

100. iii JENS NELSON,[2] b. 21 Apr. 1882, in Portland, Me. (Deering District*). B.R. He d. 3 Feb. 1945, in Biddeford, Me. He m. 26 June 1906, SADIE GOLDTHWAITE, daughter of Tristom jr., and Camilla (Edwards) Goldthwaite. Settled in Biddeford; a cabinetmaker; no issue.

101. iv MINNIE,[2] b. 26 Nov. 1885, in Portland, Me.; d. 5 Dec. 1940. For years a clerk and buyer for Thomas Smiley Co. Resided at Falmouth and Portland, Me.; n.m.

102. v ELSIE LOUISE,[2] b. 26 June 1892, in Falmouth, Me. She m. 14 Sept. 1915, ARTHUR CHRISTIAN WARBURG, b. 10 Aug. 1888, in West Falmouth, Me., son of John Hanson and Marie Christine (Gram) Warburg, a tool-and-die-maker for the American Can Co. We are indebted to her for the Christian N. Bruns family history. One of the few second generation of Brunses still living. Both residing at Falmouth, Me. (Portland P.O.).

Children (WARBURG)born in Portland, Me.-

(1)John Bruns, b. 14 June 1918. A tool designer at the United Shoe Machinery Co., Beverly, Mass. He m. 1947, in Portland, Me., Ruth B. Tupper, daughter of William and Ina (Roberts) Tupper, a private secretary for W. T. Grant Co.

Children (Warburg)-

(I)SUSAN ANN, b. 21 Nov. 1947, in Lynn, Mass.

(II)JOHN STEPHEN, b. 30 May 1952, in Beverly, Mass.

(2)Clyde Russell, b. 21 Jan. 1925. An accountant with Statsenberg & Legerton, Hollywood, Calif. A graduate of Deering (Me.) High School, at Portland; Portland (Me.) Junior College; and the Univ. of Bridgeport, at Bridgeport, Conn. Currently doing graduate work at the Univ. of Calif. A Veteran of World War II, as is his brother.

He m. 4 Dec. 1954, at Portland, Me., Barbara Ann McCubrey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. McCubrey, of South Portland, Me.

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*Deering included Back Cove, Stroudwater, Woodford's and Morrill's, set off from Westbrook and later annexed to Portland.

(3)Arthur Clifford, b. 3 May 1927. Advertising salesman for the Pacific Tel. & Tel. Co., at Los Angeles, Calif.

He m. 26 May 1951, Madeline Louise King, daughter of Joel and Elenore (Ross) King, b. 3 Aug. 1929, in Yarmouth, Me., Secretary for General Motors Acceptance Corp., at Van Nuys, Calif. Residing at Encino, Calif.

Child (Warburg)-

(I)KRESTIN LOUISE, b. 29 Mar. 1955, in Los Angeles, Calif.

(4)James Kenneth, b. 20 Apr. 1935; student at Portland, Me., Junior College.

Tomina (Bruns) Johnson

(1859 - 1894)

19.

AUGUST and TOMINA (BRUNS) JOHNSON, of PORTLAND, ME., and THEIR DESCENDANTS

19. THOMINE[1]BRUNS, (Tomina Bruns, Minnie Bruns), who came to Portland, Me., from Denmark, before Feb. 1879, was born in Rapsted Field,* Rapsted Parish, Slogs District, Tønder County, Denmark, 4 Feb. 1859, and baptized ("Thomine Brøns") in the parish church at Rapsted, 20 Feb. 1859, the sixth child of Jens Nielsen Bruns(8), immigrant, and his wife, Kirstine Marie (Christine Marie in Rapsted records), nee Nicolaisen, who married in the parish church at Ballum, Tønder County, Denmark, 18 Apr. 1850(M.R.).Bapt.R. She was confirmed as baptized, in the church at Rapsted, 6 Apr. 1873.Conf.R. She was not given a middle name. Generally known as "Tomina."

She was the granddaughter of Niels Andersen-Terp(6) and wife Else, nee Jen-

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*See second footnote, page 14.

sen Nederby, of the town and parish of Brøns, Denmark, who married 12 Feb. 1819(M.R.) in the parish church at Brøns, and a great-granddaughter of Anders Madsen(1) and wife El, nee Lauritsen, of the village of Terp, Bramming Parish, Gørding District, Ribe County, Denmark, who married 30 Oct. 1770(M.R.) in the parish church at Bramming.Land.V. She ("Tomina Johnson, August Johnson, Husband") died 10 Mar. 1894, in Portland, Me., "aged 35 years 1 month 6 days"; burial at Forest City Cemetery (Section B57), South Portland, Me.D.R.

Tomina came to Portland, Me., from Rapsted, Denmark (in North Schleswig, then under German control), sometime prior to her marriage, just how long before is unknown; possibly with her brother Christian in 1878.

Tomina Bruns ("Minnie Bruns"), The Immigrant, married, 23 Feb. 1879, in Portland, Me., AUGUST JOHNSON, of Portland, Me., his first marriage; Rev. N. Ellestad, officiated.M.R.

AUGUST[1]JOHNSON (Augustus Johnson), who emigrated to Wisconsin on 4 June 1883(?), was born in Unyry, Sweden, 22 Nov. 1858, and naturalized ("August Johnson") 17 Dec. 1889, at Rockland, Me.N.R. (Considering the date of his first marriage at Portland, Me., the date of his arrival in Wisconsin is in error). He was the son of John and Kirstine (Peterson) Johnson.His 2d M.R. He died about 1918 in Colebrook, N.H., while visiting his son.

He ("Augustus Johnson") married secondly, aged 46, grocer, 1 Sept. 1896, in Portland, Me., MARIE JOHANNESSEN, aged 26, of Portland, Me., born in Denmark, daughter of Jens Hansen, miller, and Marie Anna (Fredericksen), both of Denmark; Knut O. Storli, Clergyman, officiated.M.R. Her second marriage. She died shortly after the birth of her second child; had a brother at Portland.

He married thirdly, 1 Nov. 1900, probably also in Portland, HILDA ( ) GRENQUIST, widow of Hugo, with son Otto B., the latter probably now living

at Boston (Roslindale), Mass. She died about 1901. There were no children by Hilda.

Following their marriage, 23 Feb. 1879, at Portland, Me., August and Tomina (Bruns) Johnson, The Immigrants, settled at Portland, Me., where he became a grocer until after his second marriage, following which he was employed on the Portland-New York steamers of the E.S.S. Lines, and finally at the GTRR in Portland. Their posterity are represented by the descendants of the first six children listed immediately following; his augmented by the descendants of two children by his second wife, Marie.

Children of August Johnson and first wife, Tomina
Born in Portland, Me.

i THOMAS,[2] b. 2 Oct. 1879.B.R.

ii JOSEPHINE CAROLINA,[2] b. 1881; d. 1892/93, at Portland.

iii MINNIE JULDINE,[2] b. 20 Apr. 1883; d. 19 Feb. 1951, at Providence, R.I., while visiting her sister Hilda at Johnston, R.I.

She m., 1st, Jesse Hoyt Ward, of Freeport, Me., b. 17 Apr. 1883, d. 1921, at Freeport, a World War I Veteran (Tel. & Tel. Bat.), later a mail carrier at Freeport and for two years Caretaker of the Town Farm. Resided for a time at Lewiston, Me. An Insurance Agent. She m. 2d, Alfred Anderson, of Westbrook, Me.

Child (Ward)-

(1) Jesse Hoyt jr., b. 12 Oct. 1903, in Lewiston, Me.; d. in N.H. about 1936. He m. a Freeport, Me., girl of Norwegian descent, who after his death remarried, and is now Mrs. Doris Shores, of Acton, Mass.

Children (Ward)-

(I) JESSE HOYT III, b. 24 May 1929. Recently out of overseas service (1954). He m. 24 Apr. 1954, Janet Larrabee, of Acton, Mass. Resided with his mother, Mrs. Doris Shores.

(II) CHARLOTTE, b. 1 July 1931, in N. H.; resided with her mother Mrs. Doris Shores.

iv ALEXANDER,[2] b. 2 Feb. 1884.

v GEORGE HENRY,[2] b. 11 Oct. 1887.

vi HILDA SOPHIE,[2] b. 8 Dec. 1889; m. 1st, 3 Apr. 1913, Walter F. Finley, of North Providence, R.I., a conductor on the UER of Providence. He d. 1939.

She m. 2d, 19 Feb. 1940, Albert Fortini, jewelry salesman, d. 5 Jan. 1952. She is living at Greystone, R.I. No issue. We are indebted to her for the Johnson family history, excepting much of that concerning Alexander Johnson and his family. The last of the children by Tomina (Bruns) Johnson, first wife of August Johnson, immigrants.

Children (Johnson) by second wife, Marie
Born in Portland, Me.

vii ALMA ELIZABETH,[2] b. 18 Oct. 1897; m. 19 May 1921, Louis G. Rylands, of Providence, R.I. He is employed at Salt Lake City, Utah, in electro-plating. Living at Ogden, Utah.
Child (Rylands)-
(1)Kenneth Karl, b. 28 Feb. 1922, at Providence, R.I. A World War II Veteran (Air Force). Now agent for a real-estate company at Ogden. He m. 12 May 1945, Laraine Conley, of Ogden. Reside at Ogden.
Child (Rylands)-
(I)KAY EVA, b. 2 Sept. 1946, at Ogden.
viii INFANT,[2] d. as such.

THOMAS[2]JOHNSON (August[1]), son of August and Tomina (Bruns) Johnson, of Portland, Me., immigrants, born 2 Oct. 1879, in Portland, Me.(B.R.); died 21 Dec. 1952, at Portland, Me. An accomplished flutist and an original member of Chandler's Band at Portland. He was a registered pharmacist for over 50 years and owned and operated a drugstore in South Portland, Me., for many years.

He married, first, about 1902, ALICE GOODNOW STORER, of Kennebunk, Me., born 30 Nov. 1879, died about 1918/19. He married secondly, MARY MORRILL, by whom there is no issue.

Children (Johnson) by first wife, Alice, born in Portland, Me.-

i ALICE,[3] b. 5 Sept. 1905; a well-known pianist; she m. 1st, William Duffy, of Portland, Me., whom she divorced. She m. 2d, Laurent Giguere, of Westbrook, Me., who is in the explosives business. No issue by Duffy.
Child (Giguere)-
(1)Thomas, b. 6 Dec. 1937.
ii GEORGE STORER,[3] b. 9 Mar. 1910. Manager of the Johnson Pharmacy at South Portland, Me. He m. Elsie M. Sampson, of Portland, Me., b. 16 May 1913. We are indebted to her for confirming some of the Johnson family history.
Children (Johnson)-
(1)Thomas Storer, b. 26 Mar. 1932.
(2)Ann Ryder, b. 24 Sept. 1940; student.
iii DORIS PATRICIA,[3] b. 17 Mar. 1913; m. 1931, Wallace Holmes, of Portland, Me., employed by Douglas Aircraft Corp., at West Los Angeles, Calif.

Child (Holmes)-
(1)Barbara, b. 24 Jan. 1935; attending UCLA.
iv CAROLYN,[3] b. 30 July 1915; m. 1st, 1931, Matt Riley, of Portland, Me., whom she divorced. She m. 2d, about 1949, Linwood E. Morrill, who is employed at Milliken Tomlinson's; no issue by the 2d marriage.
Children (Riley)-
(1)Eugene, b. 19 May 1934; in Navy.
(2)Kevin, b. 29 Nov. 1937.
(3)Judith, b. 24 Apr. 1938.
v DOROTHY,[3] b. 14 May 1917; m. 1st, Richard Frederick, whom she divorced. She m. 2d, Robert Knowles, of Quincy, Mass., a salesman for a casket concern.
Child (Frederick)-
(1)Cheryl, b. 23 June 1943; resides with her mother.

Children (Knowles) by 2d husband, born in Quincy, Mass.-
(1)Robin, b. 10 Aug. 1950.
(2)Charles, b. 9 Aug. 1951.

ALEXANDER[2] JOHNSON (August[1]), son of August and Tomina (Bruns) Johnson, of Portland, Me., immigrants, born 2 Feb. 1884, in Portland, Me.; died 1931, at Portland. He was Distributor for the American Sugar Co., and later for the Revere Sugar Co. A one-time meat cutter, he also was Manager for the Oakdale Market for a time.

He married, in 1910, DORA M. BENNETT, born 23 Apr. 1884, in Portland, Me., now living at Portland (Woodfords), Me. She is a graduate of Gray's Business College at Portland; attended the public schools of Boothbay, Me., and Watertown and Arlington, Mass. Her parents, William A. and Emma Jane (Merry, alias Merrow) Bennett, married 16 Aug. 1883, in North Boothbay, Me. Her father, a bookkeeper, died 18 Dec. 1894, in Boothbay Harbor, Me. The mother, born 17 Dec. 1862, in Boothbay, Me., married secondly, James Boyman, 4 Nov. 1896, in Boothbay Harbor, Me. The maternal grandfather, Newell Keen Merry, born 18 Mar. 1839, in North Boothbay, Me., was a Veteran of the war of the Rebellion; a sheriff; Member Masonic Orders and the Congregational Church. For the latter's ancestry, see Henry Merrow of Reading Massachusetts, by Oscar Earl Merrow, Winchester, Mass. We are indebted to her for her background and the

history of the Alexander Johnson family.

Children (Johnson) born in Portland, Me.-

i DONALD RUSSELL,[3] b. 14 Oct. 1912. A graduate of Deering High School, at Portland, Me. A commercial photographer before World War II, since has been employed on the busses. He m. July 1940, Marion Tisdall.

Children (Johnson)-

(1)Elaine Frances, b. 28 July 1942.

(2)Arthur Russell, b. 13 Nov. 1944.

ii GLADYS ELIZABETH,[3] b. 3 Mar. 1914. A graduate of Deering High School, at Portland, Me. A bookkeeper and stenographer at the Maine Surgical Supply Co., at Portland, for some years. She m. 28 May 1937, Maynard Henry Crockett, a Veteran of World War II (Photographer).

Child (Crockett)-

(1)Gene Russell, b. 2 Sept. 1938. A Junior at Deering High School, at Portland, Me.

iii MARJORIE JANE,[3] b. 17 July 1919. A graduate of Deering High School. at Portland, Me. Bookkeeper for Cushman Baking Co., Portland, before marriage. She m. 9 Mar. 1943, Peter Flaherty, police officer and Veteran of World War II (USCG).

Children (Flaherty)-

(1)Sharon Ann, b. 13 Aug. 1944.

(2)Stephen Linwood, b. 21 Oct. 1947.

GEORGE[2]HENRY JOHNSON (August[1]), son of August and Tomina (Bruns) Johnson, of Portland, Me., immigrants, born 11 Oct. 1887, in Portland, Me.; died about 1930, at Colebrook, N.H. A baker at Freeport and Portland, Me.; worked in Berlin, Coos, and Colebrook, N.H., maple sugar camps; at the time of his death he was employed by the railroad in the Colebrook section of N. H. He married about 1915, GEORGIA GAYE, of Colebrook, N.H., who after his death remarried.

Children (Johnson)-

i RITA,[3]

ii BEVERLY,[3] (John); changed his name to John. He visited his uncle Thomas Johnson at South Portland, Me., after the death of his father, and there made known his change of name and the fact of his mother's second marriage.

Sina (Bruns) Carlsen

(1860 - 1897)

20.

JASPER and SINA (BRUNS) CARLSEN, of PORTLAND, ME., and THEIR DESCENDANTS

20. SINE[1]BRUNS, (Sina Bruns), who came to Portland, Me., from Denmark, before Nov. 1881, was born in Rapsted Field,* Rapsted Parish, Slogs District, Tønder County, Denmark, 11 Oct. 1860 (not 1861), and baptized ("Sine Brøns") in the parish church at Rapsted, 25 Nov. 1860, the seventh child and fifth and youngest daughter of Jens Nielsen Bruns(8), immigrant, and his wife, Kirstine Marie (Christine Marie in Rapsted records), nee Nicolaisen, who married in the parish church at Ballum, Tønder County, Denmark, 18 Apr. 1850(M.R.). Bapt.R. She was confirmed as baptized, in the church at Rapsted, 21 Mar.

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*See second footnote, page 14.

1875.Conf.R. She was not given a middle name; generally known as "Sina."

She was a granddaughter of Niels Andersen-Terp(6) and wife Else, nee Jensen Nederby, of the town and parish of Brøns, Denmark, who married 12 Feb. 1819 (M.R.), in the parish church at Brøns, and a great-granddaughter of Anders Madsen(1) and wife El, nee Lauritsen, of the village of Terp, Bramming Parish, Gørding District, Ribe County, Denmark, who married 30 Oct. 1770(M.R.), in the parish church at Bramming.Land.V.

She ("Senin Carlsen, Jasper Carlsen, Husband") died, 18 Sept. 1897, in South Portland, Me., "aged 35 years 11 months 7 days"; burial at Forest City Cemetery, (Section F28), South Portland, Me.D.R.

Sina came to Portland, Me., from Rapsted, Denmark (in North Schleswig, then under German control), sometime before her marriage, but just how long before is unknown. It is possible she came with her brother Christian in 1878, accompanied by her sister Thomine. Her daughters Julia and Lillian were said to be "The Beauties of the Bruns Families."

Sina Bruns ("Miss Sine Bruns"), The Immigrant, married 12 Nov. 1881, at Portland, Me., as his first wife, JASPER CARLSEN ("Jasper Carlson"), then of Portland; Rev. K. G. Faegre, officiated.M.R.

JASPER[1]CARLSEN (Jasper Carlson), who emigrated to Portland, Me., arriving there 25 Nov. 1880, was born in "Ruskjoberg,"* Denmark, 3 Dec. 1854, and naturalized "Jesper Carlsen" at Portland, Me., 6 Sept. 1888.N.R. He died in Portland, Me.

He married secondly, in South Portland, Me., JUTTA JENSEN, by whom there was no issue. She is said to have been born in Denmark, and further to have had

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*Possibly meant to be Ruskenbierg, located north of Nyeborg on the Isle Fyn (1818 map of Denmark), Denmark's second largest island, and not far from Odense, the birthplace of Hans Christian Andersen; the nearest spelling that can be found on any of six maps available to the compiler. But Prior's "Lomme Atlas over Danmark" has a "Rankenbjerg" in Jutland; the nearest spelling therein found to that given in the naturalization record quoted above.

a brother (V. Jensen) at Portland.

Following their marriage, 12 Nov. 1881, at Portland, Me., Jasper and Sina (Bruns) Carlsen, The Immigrants, settled at Portland, Me., but also resided in South Portland, Me. Their posterity are represented by the descendants of the three children listed immediately below. Having no sons, his line becomes extinct with the death of the daughter Julia, but through the daughters there are a number of descendants to carry on the blood.

Jasper Carlsen was a carpenter and one of several Danes who gave their services to the building of St. Ansgars Danish Church, at Portland. He had brothers Hans and Sylvester, who came to Portland, Me., also, and settled in near-by Scarborough, Me.

Children of Jasper Carlsen and first wife, Sina
Born in Portland, Me.

i CARRIE,[2] d. about 5 years old.

ii JULIA,[2] b. 12 July 1887; m. Theodore Pedersen, 24 Dec. 1905, at Rumford Falls, Me. Resided in Portland, Me., removing to San Francisco, Calif., in Jan. 1918, where he, a longshoreman, d. 24 Aug. 1954, formerly a shoemaker at Portland (Woodfords). She living at San Francisco. We are indebted to her for her family's history.

Child (Pedersen)-

(1) Julia Theodora, b. 15 Dec. 1910, in Portland, Me.; m. 2 Dec. 1932, at Reno, Nev., Clarence Leavin, employed by the Tel. & Tel. Co., at San Francisco; now residing at San Mateo, Calif. No issue.

iii LILLIAN,[2] b. 28 Feb. 1891; d. 29 Oct. 1954. She m. 1st, 1908, in South Portland, Me., Milo R. Thacker, b. in Noblesville, Ind., a soldier who d. in a N.M. sanitarium. He was regarded very highly by other members of the Bruns families, even as she was. We are indebted to her for much of the Carlsen family history; d. before she completed her intended contribution to this work.

She m. 2d, in Portland, Me., Aage Kelsen (Kjeldsen), known as "A. William Kelsen"; b. 19 Dec. 1894, in Copenhagen, Denmark, son of Jens P. and Rasmina, a MCRR engineer, living at South Portland, Me.; formerly resided in Deering.

He is said to have had a brother at Portland, who m. Inger A. Olson, b. in Denmark, daughter of Emma and -------Olson, about 10 years old when she came to Portland with her mother, who m. 2d, at Portland, Christian Horndrup, painter and paper-hanger, to whom a daughter Elenore was born at Portland. Inger living at Compton, Calif., with a son; possibly moved to Solvang, Calif.

Children (Thacker) born in Portland and South Portland, Me.-

(1)Virginia Frances, b. 14 Nov. 1911, in South Portland, Me.F.R. She m., at South Portland, Robert E. Rowland, son of James of Va. Now living in Washington, D.C.

Children (Rowland) born in Portland, Me.-

(I)LILLIAN LOUISE, b. 18 July 1932; m. at South Portland, Me., Donald Butts, of Portland, Me., employed at the Union Depot, Portland.

Child (Butts) born in Portland, Me.-

(A)Jane Ann, said to have been adopted.

(II)MARILYN ANN, b. 3 Sept. 1938.

(III)BARBARA VIOLA, b. 25 July 1940.

(IV)NANCY LEE, b. 26 June 1941.

(2)Leona Christine, b. 13 Jan. 1911.B.R. (13 Jan. 1913.F.R. ?) She m. 1st, at South Portland, Me., Charles E. Smith, whom she divorced. She m. 2d, at Nashua, N.H., Roger Duclos, a shoe worker at Nashua, where the family resides. No issue by the 2d marriage.

Child (Smith)-

(I)CHARLES EDWARD, b. 9 Dec. 1938, in Winthrop, Mass.

(3)Milo Reed, b. 17 Oct. 1914. Changed his surname to "Kelsen"; employed at the Maine Hardware Co. He m. Mildred Kirstead, of Portland, Me., daughter of Wallace and Patience. No issue.

Child (Kelsen) by 2d husband, born in South Portland, Me.-

(1)Edith Eleanor, b. 6 Jan. 1925; m. 1st, William Maher, in South Portland, Me.; divorced; m. 2d, in South Portland, Robert O'Brien, son of Richard and Mary, of South Portland, a car inspector for the MCRR at Portland.

Child (Maher) born in Portland, Me.-

(I)TERRENCE WILLIAM, b. 28 July 1943.

Children (O'Brien) by 2d husband, born in Portland, Me.-

(I)KATHLEEN ANN, b. 27 July 1947.

(II)FRANCINE ANN, b. 6 July 1953.

21.

JENS CHRISTIAN BRUNS, of PORTLAND, ME., and DESCENDANTS

First Generation

21. JENS[1] CHRISTIAN BRUNS, (Jens C. Bruns), who came to Portland, Me., 22 Aug. 1882, from Denmark, and was naturalized ("Jens Christian Bruns") at Portland, Me., on 4 Apr. 1901(N.R.), was born in Rapsted Field,* Rapsted Parish, Slogs District, Tønder County, Denmark, 17 May 1862, and baptized ("Jens Christian Brøns") in the parish church at Rapsted, 7 June 1862, the eighth child of Jens Nielsen Bruns(8), immigrant, and wife Kirstine Marie (Christine Marie in Rapsted records), nee Nicolaisen, who married in the parish church at Ballum, Tønder County, Denmark, 18 Apr. 1850(M.R.).Bapt.R. He was confirmed 25 Mar. 1877, as baptized, in the church at Rapsted.Conf.R.

He was a grandson of Niels Andersen-Terp(6) and wife Else, nee Jensen Nederby, of the town and parish of Brøns, Denmark, who married 12 Feb. 1819(M.R.), in the parish church at Brøns, and a great-grandson of Anders Madsen(1) and wife El, nee Lauritzen, of the village of Terp, Bramming Parish, Gørding District, Ribe County, Denmark, who married 30 Oct. 1770(M.R.), in the parish church at Bramming.Land.V.

On emigrating to the U. S. he Anglicized (Bruns) his surname. He died in Portland, Me., 9 Aug. 1918, "aged 56 years 2 months 23 days"; burial at Forest City Cemetery, at South Portland, Me.D.R. Like his brothers he fled Schleswig (taken by Prussia and Austria in 1864 and annexed to Prussia in 1866) to escape a draft for the German army, as many others of the youth there did in the years 1870-1900. A skilled carpenter---he had learned the trade in Denmark even as his brothers had---he was for many years foreman for William Howatt &

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*See second footnote, page 14.

Sons, building contractors at Portland.

Jens Christian Bruns ("Jan Christian Bruns"), The Immigrant, married, at Portland, Me., 27 Sept. 1884, DOROTHE MARIE CHRISTIANSEN, of Portland, Me.; Rev. Geo. A. Taylor Rygh, officiated.M.R. She was a native of Denmark; outlived her husband many years but never remarried. Her beautifully-kept home is legend among the Bruns families.

The couple settled in Portland (Woodfords), Me. His posterity is represented by the descendants of the two children listed immediately below, the first of whom died young. His line is hardly assured.

Children (Bruns) born in Portland, Me.-

#103. i JENS N.,[2] b. 7 Mar. 1885.F.R.
104. ii CHRISTIAN BIRTEL,[2] d. 8 Aug. 1890 (Deering District*), aged 3 months; burial at Forest City Cemetery, South Portland, Me., Lot E-168.D.R.

(Note.- A death record for one "Christian Bruns, d. at Deering, Me., 8 Aug. 1890, aged 3 months, son of Zerius Bruns and Maria" appears to be a duplicate entry with an error in the name of the father.)

Second Generation

103.

103. JENS[2]N. BRUNS (Jens[1]), son of Jens Christian and Dorothe Marie (Christiansen) Bruns(21), immigrants, born 7 Mar. 1885, in Portland, Me.(F.R.), (the record unattainable at Portland, as are many of the earlier records, especially those of Deering before it was annexed to Portland). He was a conductor on the MCRR. Died in January, 1950.

Jens N. Bruns married, aged 18, 13 Aug. 1902, at Portland, Me., ETHEL L. SKILLINGS, aged 17, of Scarborough, Me., born in Scarborough, daughter of Haswell M. Skillings, deceased, born in Scarborough, and Katie T., nee Harmon,

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*See footnote, page 81.

born in Scarborough about 1885 (Black Point); Frederick R. Griffiths, Clergyman, officiated.M.R. They resided in Portland and South Portland, Me. There were five children. His branch is far from assured. She died late 1955.

Children (Bruns) born in Portland and South Portland, Me.-

105. i DOROTHY AMELIA,[3] b. 12 Jan. 1903, in Portland, Me. She m. THOMAS STODDARD CROSBY, of New Bedford, Mass., Manager of E. T. Oleson & Sons, Thompson Point, Portland; living at Portland. We are indebted to her for this corrected history of her family.
Children (CROSBY)-
(1)Thomas Stoddard jr., b. 17 July 1922; m. Lorraine Doucet, of Westbrook, Me.; living in Westbrook.
Child (Crosby)-
(I)THOMAS STODDARD III, 7 years old in 1955.
(2)Barbara Jean, b. 9 Feb. 1926, in Portland, Me.; m. (1st) Walter A. Jordan, in 1946, which marriage ended in divorce; she m. (2d) Charles Holden; living in Taunton, Mass.
Children (Jordan) by 1st husband-
(I)NANCY VIRGINIA, age 7 years (in 1955).
(II)RICHARD THOMAS, age 4 years (in 1955).

Child (Holden) by 2d husband-
(I)SUSAN JEAN, age 17 months (in 1955).
106. ii MILDRED K.,[2] b. 17 May 1905, in Portland, Me.; d. 1947.
107. iii HASWELL M.,[2] b. 26 May 1908, in South Portland, Me.B.R. He m. CORA DAVIDA WILLISTON, b. 28 Oct. 1908, in Milltown, N.B., the daughter of James E. and Ursula (Sprague) Williston. Living at Portland, where he is a Capt. in the Fire Dept. No issue.
#108. iv JENS EVERETT,[2] b. 16 July 1913, in South Portland, Me.B.R.
109. v ETHEL ALBERTA,[2] b. 20 Apr. 1916, in Portland, Me.B.R. She m. WILLIAM LLOYD, farmer and interior decorator at Livermore, Me.
Children (LLOYD)-
(1)William.
(2)Richard.

Third Generation

108.

108. JENS[3]EVERETT BRUNS (Jens,[2] Jens[1]), son of Jens N. and Ethel Libby (Skillings) Bruns, born 16 July 1913, in South Portland, Me.B.R.; living in Portland, Me., where he is a foreman at Burroughs Corp.

He married, probably in South Portland, Me., LILLIAN SAPHRONIA WALKER, who

was born there.

Children (Bruns) born in Portland, Me.-

110. i MARILYN JOAN,[4] b. 14 July 1935.B.R. She m. JOSEPH ESPOSITO JR., b. about 1935, in Portland, Me., son of Joseph, b. in Italy, and Mary Curry, b. in Portland.Int.Dec. 7 1953.
111. ii WILLIAM EVERETT,[4] b. 8 May 1938.B.R.
112. iii JANICE ETHEL,[4] b. 13 Mar. 1945.B.R.
113. iv SHARON CODY,[4] b. 17 Apr. 1947.B.R.
114. v KATHERINE SUSAN,[4] b. 21 July 1950.B.R.

22.

SOREN HANSEN BRUNS, of PORTLAND, ME., and DESCENDANTS

First Generation

22. SOREN[1]HANSEN BRUNS, (Soren Hanson Bruns, Soren H. Bruns), who came to Portland, Me., 26 Sept. 1883, from Denmark, and was naturalized ("Soren Hanson Bruns") at Portland, Me., on 1 Mar. 1898(N.R.), was born in Rapsted Field,* Rapsted Parish, Slogs District, Tønder County, Denmark, 27 (not 26) Nov. 1863, and baptized ("Søren Hansen Brøns") in the parish church at Rapsted on 27 Dec. 1863, the 9th child of Jens Nielsen Bruns(8), immigrant, and his wife Kirstine Marie (Christine Marie in Rapsted records), nee Nicolaisen, who married in the parish church at Ballum, Tønder County, Denmark, 18 Apr. 1850(M.R.).Bapt.R. He was confirmed as baptized in the church at Rapsted on 30 Mar. 1879.Conf.R.

He was a grandson of Niels Andersen-Terp(6) and wife Else, nee Jensen Nederby, of the town and parish of Brøns, Denmark, who married 12 Feb. 1819(M.R.), in the parish church at Brøns, and a great-grandson of Anders Madsen(1) and wife El, nee Lauritsen, of the village of Terp, Bramming Parish, Gørding District, Ribe County, Denmark, who married 30 Oct. 1770(M.R.), in the parish church at Bramming.Land.V.

On emigrating to the U. S. he Anglicized (Bruns) his surname. He died at Portland, Me., 27 Sept. 1910, "aged 47 years 1 month"; burial at Forest City Cemetery, South Portland, Me.D.R. Like his brothers he fled Schleswig (taken by Prussia and Austria in 1864 and annexed to Prussia in 1866) to escape being drafted into the German army, as many others of the youth of the land did.

A cabinetmaker by trade but a musician by avocation. An accomplished clari-

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*See second footnote, page 14.

netist, he taught violin and clarinet; was a member of several orchestras and the American Cadet Band, at Portland, Me.

Soren Hansen Bruns ("Soren Hanson Bruns"), The Immigrant, married, 20 Dec. 1890, at Portland, Me., SOPHIE OLESON (Olson in Int.), of Portland, Me.; Rev. I. K. Poulsen, officiated.M.R. She was born at Maristad, Sweden, 22 Sept. 1865; died 30 Oct. 1907, aged 42 years, at Portland, Me., burial at Forest City Cemetery, South Portland, Me. She had a sister who came to Portland and married a Mr. Johnson; lived in Portland.

The couple settled in Portland (Woodfords), Me. Their posterity are represented by the descendants of the seven children listed immediately following. His line is hardly assured.

Children (Bruns) born in Portland, Me.-

115. i MARGARET ELIZABETH,[2] b. 17 May 1891, probably in the Deering District* (The record unattainable at Portland, as are many of the early ones).F.R.
She m. 20 Apr. 1914, in Portland, Me., GEORGE GERRISH WHITTIER, b. 30 May 1887, at Lisbon Falls, Me., the son of George H. of Strong, Me., and Frances (Durant) of Durham, Me., salesman for Dwinell-Wright Co., of Boston, Mass. Living at Portland; no issue.

116. ii EDWARD BENJAMIN,[2] b. ("Male") 17 Apr. 1893 in the Deering District.* B.R. He d. 21 Nov. 1901, aged 8 years, at Portland.

117. iii HELEN SOPHIE,[2] b. ("female") 14 Nov. 1894, in the Deering District.* B.R. She m., 12 Nov. 1914, at South Portland, Me., LAWRENCE CLYDE WHITTEN, b. 13 June 1891, at South Portland, the son of Andrew H., of North Saco, Me., and Ellen (Witham), of Milton, Me.; Frank W. Smith, Clergyman, officiated.M.R. He is employed by the Gulf Oil Co., at South Portland, Me., where he has been for over 20 years. Living in South Portland.
Child (WHITTEN)-
(1)Lois Virginia, b. 1 July 1915, in Portland, Me.; a graduate of South Portland High School, and the Golden School of Beauty Culture; operator of a beauty salon at Cape Elizabeth, Me.; unm.

118. iv RICHARD HANSEN,[2] b. 28 May 1898. Received his education in the public schools of Portland, Me. A carpenter for some years; now dock foreman for the Portland Pipe Line Co., Inc., at South Portland. We are indebted to him for the collection of the Soren Hansen Bruns family records, so complete and factual.
He m., 21 June 1930, in Portland, Me., HELEN MARIE BRAGG, b.

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*See footnote, page 81.

11 Feb. 1895, in Portland, Me., the daughter of Harry of Cornwall, England, and Mary Elizabeth (Ivers), of Lawrence, Mass. Living at South Portland; no issue.

#119. v WILLIAM HERBERT,[2] b. 22 July 1900.
#120. vi THEODORE EDWARD,[2] b. 14 Jan. 1902.
#121. vii GEORGE ROBERT,[2] b. 20 Mar. 1905.B.R.

Second Generation

119.

119. WILLIAM[2]HERBERT BRUNS (Soren[1]), son of Soren Hansen and Sophie (Oleson) Bruns, immigrants, of Portland, Me., born 22 July 1900, in Portland, Me. He received his education in the public schools of Portland. Employed by the National Biscuit Co., at Bangor, Me., for the past 35 years. Living at Bangor.

He married, in 1924, at Bangor, Me., EVELYN CHRISTINA BAILEY, born 21 July 1906, in Olamon, Me., the daughter of Joseph Daniel and Annie Julia (Sparrow) Bailey, her father born in Greenbush, Me., her mother in Passadumkeag, Me.

Children (Bruns) born in Bangor, Me.-

122. i DOROTHY MAY,[3] b. 23 Jan. 1925.B.R. A graduate of Bangor High School and the Univ. of Maine, with a degree in physchology. Employed by the Maine State Dept. of Health and Welfare, at Augusta, Me., before her marriage.
She m., 13 June 1949, in Bangor, Me., ARTHUR D. MOODY, of Waldoboro, Me., b. 29 Mar. 1923, at Waldoboro, son of Percy of Waldoboro. A graduate of the Univ. of Maine (Civil Engineering and Geologist), he is an employee of the U. S. Forestry Service, at Elkins, W. Va.
Children (MOODY)-
(1)Paul Barrett, b. 5 Jan. 1951, at Harrisonburg, Va.
(2)Brian William, b. 31 May 1953, at Elkins, W. Va.

#123. ii WILLIAM HERBERT JR.,[3] b. 3 Mar. 1926.
#124. iii ROBERT EDWARD,[3] b. 18 Jan. 1931.

120.

120. THEODORE[2]EDWARD BRUNS (Soren[1]), son of Soren Hansen and Sophie (Oleson) Bruns, immigrants, of Portland, Me., born 14 Jan. 1902, in Portland, Me. In business as operator of a filling station, at Los Angeles, Calif., for many

years. For the past 15 years a real-estate broker; also connected with the Naval Contracting Co., at Los Angeles.

He married, 12 Nov. 1929, in Los Angeles, Calif., GENEVIEVE J. HOFREITER, born 26 Apr. 1906, in Winkel, Ill., daughter of Charles, of Hoopole Township, Posey County, Ind., and Margaret (Winkel), of Delavan, Tazwell County, Ill.

Children (Bruns) born in Los Angeles, Calif.-

#125. i THEODORE EDWARD JR.,[3] b. 29 Sept. 1930.
126. ii MARGARET HELEN,[3] b. 12 Sept. 1933; a graduate of Los Angeles High School; employed by Poitras Mortgage Co., at Santa Ana, Calif.; unm.
127. iii JEANINE MARIE,[3] b. 10 Mar. 1945; student.

121.

121. GEORGE[2]ROBERT BRUNS (Soren[1]), son of Soren Hansen and Sophie (Oleson) Bruns, immigrants, of Portland, Me., born 20 Mar. 1905, in Portland, Me.B.R. He received his education in the public schools of Portland, Me.; a graduate of Portland High School ('23). Now employed by the Lincoln Mercury Dealers, at Syracuse, N.Y., with whom he has been connected for the past 15 years.

He married, 2 Nov. 1929, in Syracuse, N.Y., FRANCES LOUISE HATCH, born 6 Apr. 1906, in Syracuse, daughter of Charles of North Race, N.Y., and Carrie (King) of East Syracuse, N.Y.

Children (Bruns) born in Syracuse, N.Y.-

128. i KRESTINE FRANCES,[3] b. 14 May 1934; a graduate of Onondaga Academy; now a Sophomore, at Univ. of Syracuse. She m. 27 Jan. 1955, in the LaFayette Methodist Episcopal Church, at Syracuse, N.Y., GERALD RICHARD NUTTING, U.S.N.
129. ii GEORGE RICHARD,[3] b. 23 June 1940; a Freshman at Onondaga Acedemy.

Third Generation

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123. WILLIAM[3]HERBERT BRUNS JR. (William,[2] Soren[1]), son of William Herbert and Evelyn Christine (Bailey) Bruns, of Bangor, Me., born 3 Mar. 1926, in Bangor. He attended Bangor High School before entering the Navy in 1944. Served in the Navy for four years. Now a conductor on the Bangor & Aroostook R. R., at Bangor.

He married, 18 June 1948, in Bangor, Me., BARBARA NICKERSON, of Bangor, Me., born 20 Jan. 1930, daughter of Roscoe and Florence, of Bangor.

Children (Bruns) born in Bangor, Me.-

130. i GAIL CHRISTINE,[4] b. 30 Dec. 1950.
131. ii WILLIAM HERBERT III,[4] b. 30 Nov. 1951.
132. iii PETER SPRINGER,[4] b. 18 Mar. 1953.

124.

124. ROBERT[3]EDWARD BRUNS (William,[2] Soren[1]), son of William Herbert and Evelyn Christine (Bailey) Bruns, of Bangor, Me., born 18 Jan. 1931, in Bangor. A graduate of Bangor High School ('49), and of the Maine Maritime Acedemy, at Castine, Me. ('52); engineer and ensign in the USNR; now employed by the Gulf Oil Co., on tankers, as engineer.

He married, 14 June 1952, in Bangor, Me., PAULINE MARIA DYER, of Bangor, Me., born 7 Mar. 1931, in Bangor, daughter of Mervyn E. and Pauline (Cilley) Dyer, also of Bangor. Reside at Bangor.

Child (Bruns) born at Bangor, Me.-

133. i RICHARD MERVYN,[4] b. 4 Sept. 1954.

125.

125. THRODORE[3]EDWARD BRUNS JR. (Theodore,[2] Soren[1]), son of Theodore Edward and Genevieve (Hofreiter) Bruns, of Portland, Me., and Los Angeles, Calif.,

born 29 Sept. 1930, in Los Angeles. A graduate of Los Angeles High School. Now a television repair-man.

He married, Aug. 1949, in Santa Barbara, Calif., CONSUELO ASINS, born 18 Nov. 1927, in Valencia, Spain, daughter of Genare Asins, born in Spain, and Consuelo (Betancourt) born in Cuba.

Child (Bruns) born in Los Angeles, Calif.-

134. i DENISE ANN,[4] b. 7 Apr. 1952.

23.

ANDERS NIELSEN BRUNS, of PORTLAND, ME., and DESCENDANTS

First Generation

23. ANDERS[1]NIELSEN BRUNS, (Anders Nielson Bruns, Anders Nelson Bruns, Anders N. Bruns), who came to Portland, Me. via N. Y. City, disembarking at the latter place (accompanied by his father, Jens Nielsen Bruns(8)), 25 May 1884, from Denmark, thence to Portland, where he was naturalized ("Anders Nielsen Bruns") on 2 Mar. 1892(N.R.), was born in Rapsted Field,* Rapsted Parish, Slogs District, Tønder County, Denmark (in Schleswig, taken by Prussia and Austria in 1864 and annexed to Prussia in 1866), on 29 (not 30) Dec. 1865, and baptized ("Anders Nielsen Brøns") in the parish church at Rapsted, 18 Feb. 1866, the fifth son and youngest child of Jens Nielsen Bruns(8), immigrant, and his wife Kirstine Marie (Christine Marie in Rapsted records), nee Nicolaisen, who married in the parish church at Ballum, Tønder County, Denmark, 18 Apr. 1850(M.R.).Bapt.R. He was confirmed 10 Apr. 1881, as baptized, in the church at Rapsted.Conf.R.

He was a grandson of Niels Andersen-Terp(6) and wife Else, nee Jensen Nederby, of the town and parish of Brøns, Denmark, who married 12 Feb. 1819(M.R.), in the parish church at Brøns, and the great-grandson of Anders Madsen(1), and his wife El, nee Lauritsen, of the village of Terp, Bramming Parish, Gørding District, Ribe County, Denmark, who married 30 Oct. 1770(M.R.), in the parish church at Bramming.Land.V.

On emigrating to the U. S. he Anglicized (Bruns) his surname. He died at the home of his daughter Marie, in Bath, Me., 31 Dec. 1929, "aged 64 years"; burial at Forest City Cemetery, South Portland, Me.D.R. Like his other brothers, he fled Schleswig, then a part of Schleswig-Holstein, Germany,

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*See second footnote, page 14.

to escape being drafted into the German army. A skilled cabinetmaker, he was employed in that work at Portland for many years. He was sociable, of a sunny disposition and loved music.

Anders Nielsen Bruns ("Anders Nelson Bruns"), The Immigrant, married, at Portland, Me., 11 Oct. 1889, HANNAH MARIA GREGOR (Johanna Marie Grygaard F.R.), of Portland, Me.; Rev. I. K. Poulsen, officiated.M.R. She was born, 8 Feb. 1870, in Holstebrøe, North Jutland, Denmark, daughter of "John" and Marie (Larsen), of Denmark. Her father and at least three sisters, Amanda, Laura and Millie, also came to Portland, Me. She died, 26 Sept. 1924, at Portland, Me., "aged 53 years 7 months 18 days"; burial at Forest City Cemetery, South Portland, Me.D.R. The family resided in Portland and Deering. Their posterity are represented by the descendants of the nine children listed immediately following. His line is far from assured.

Children (Bruns) born in Portland, Me.-

135. i JENS N.,[2] b. ("Yens") 28 Mar. 1890.B.R. He d. 18 May 1896, at Portland, aged 6 years 21 days.D.R.

136. ii MARIE CHRISTINE,[2] b. ("Maria") 19 Mar. (19 May F.R., which probably is correct --- she celebrates her birthday in May!) 1891. B.R. We are indebted to her for much of the Anders N. Bruns family history, and for her time and correspondence in contacting others of the families. She is Librarian of the Solvang Branch, of the Santa Barbara, Calif. Public Library. Resides in Solvang, Calif.

She m., 1st, ERNEST KING, b. 16 Dec. 1891; resided in Bath, Me.; divorced King.

She m., 2d, HANS NISSEN BRONS(32), immigrant 2d cousin, son of Elias(10), as his 3d wife, by whom there is no issue, 13 Dec. 1942, at Solvang, Calif.

Children (KING) born in Bath, Me.-

(1)Charlotte, b. 27 Jan. 1917. Has a B. A. degree from the Univ. of Maine ('39); was Social Worker for the State of Maine, and for Santa Barbara County, Calif. An accomplished pianist.

She m. 29 Jan. 1946, at Portland, Me., Edward W. Pierce, b. in Portland, Me. Living at Carbondale, Ill., where he is a supervisor for the Kopper's Co.; he has a degree in Forestry from the Univ. of Maine ('38).

Child (Pierce)-

(I)WARREN, b. 1 Nov. 1950, adopted.

(2)Ernestine, b. 27 Nov. 1924; trained at the Univ. of Calif. (Santa Barbara), as an apprentice mechanic ('43 - '44); served apprenticeship, etc., at Santa Barbara, San Bernadino and Victorville, Calif., and McChord Field, Wash.

She m., 24 Feb. 1946, at Solvang, Calif., Harold V. Watson, b. 19 Mar. 1916, in Clovis, N.M., Air Force Sergeant, now at Pleasanton, Calif.

(Children (Watson)-

(I)CYNTHIA, b. 22 Sept. 1946, at Liberty, Tex., an incubator baby.

(II)HAROLD V. JR., b. 13 Sept. 1950, at Dayton, O.

(III)ERNEST TIMOTHY, b. 5 June 1954, at Pleasanton, Calif.

137. iii ALICE MAY,[2] b. 25 Feb. 1895.B.R. She m. 1st, 11 June 1913, in Portland, Me., LINDLEY M. COLLINS, b. about 1895, in Peabody, Mass., son of John C., b. in Jefferson, Me., and Mabel (Cunningham), b. in Lynn, Mass.; W. H. Varney, Clergyman, officiated.M.R.

She m. 2d, WALDEMAR BANG (Jens Waldemar Bang), ex-husband of Cecilla (Bruns) Bang(28); resided in Portland, Me., and on Long Island, N.Y.; Bang deceased, she living in Portland, Me.

Child (COLLINS) by 1st husband-

(1)Warren, adopted by Epper and Millie Petersen (sister of Anders N. Bruns(23)' wife Hannah), uncle and aunt of the mother.

Children (BANG) by 2d husband-

(1)Jens Waldemar jr., d. in Mar. 1954, a Capt. in the army home from Korea.

(2)Elsie; d.y.

138. iv OTTO A.,[2] b. 1897; d. 19 Aug. 1898, aged 8 months 19 days.D.R.

139. v PHILIP OTTO,[2] b. 3 Oct. 1899.B.R. A mechanic in the Fire Dept., at Portland, Me.; m. 17 June 1931, in Portland, Me., DORIS RICHARDSON STUBBS, b. about 1898, in Pownal, Me., daughter of Hanson Stanley Stubbs b. in Brunswick, Me., and Louetta Frances Richardson, b. in Pownal, Me., the father a stone mason of Yarmouth, Me., the mother a nurse of Portland, Me.; A. F. Leigh, Clergyman, officiated.M.R. Living at Portland, Me.; no issue.

#140. vi HENRY J.,[2] b. 4 Feb. 1902.B.R.

141. vii MORRIS ARTHUR,[2] b. 1904; d.y.

142. viii AMELIA ELEANOR,[2] b. ("Amelia E.") 10 Sept. 1906.B.R. (Eleanor A.) She m., 1929, in N.H., FORREST LEO JANNELL, b. about 1890, in Lynn, Mass., his 2d marriage. Living at Portland, Me. (Deering).

Child (JANNELL)-

(1)Norma Frances, b. 29 Apr. 1930, in Portland, Me.B.R. Living in Portland; unm.

#143. ix ANDERS NORMAN,[2] b. ("Anders") 18 Apr. 1910.B.R.

Second Generation

140.

140. HENRY[2]J. BRUNS (Anders[1]), son of Anders Nielsen and Hannah Maria (Gregor) Bruns, immigrants, of Portland, Me., born 4 Feb. 1902, in Portland, Me.B.R.

Now deceased, he was an auto mechanic and proprietor of a garage.

He married, 4 Dec. 1926, in Portland, Me., IDA MARIE ROBINSON, born about 1900, in Portland, Me., daughter of Alexander and Marie (Hansen) Robinson (Rasmussen ?); both her parents born in Denmark, now deceased; Rev. Andr. Bersagel, officiated.M.R. She is said to have married, secondly, a Mr. Fabricus, of Cumberland Center, Me., as his 2d wife. Mr. Fabricus is believed to have come from the same town in Denmark (Rapsted), as the Jens Bruns family did. She died about 1951.

Child (Bruns) born in Portland, Me.-

144. i WILLIAM ANDERS,[3] b. 18 July 1931.B.R.; adopted. Served in Korea. Recently m.; probably residing in Cumberland Center, Me.

143.

143. ANDERS[2]NORMAN BRUNS (Anders[1]), son of Anders Nielsen and Hannah Maria (Gregor) Bruns, immigrants, of Portland, Me., born 18 Apr. 1910, in Portland, Me.B.R. A dairyman when married; later a machinist and pruduction manager.

He married, 23 Oct. 1934, in Portland, Me., ETHEL ARLENE THOMAS, born about 1910, in Portland, Me., daughter of Clarence G. and Annie (Ferris) Thomas, both born in Portland, Me.; Clarence S. Rody, Clergyman, officiated.M.R. Living in Portland, Me.

Children (Bruns) born in Portland, Me.-

145. i ROBERT GREGOR,[3] b. 25 May 1936.B.R.
146. ii PHILIP THOMAS,[3] b. 23 Dec. 1941.B.R.
147. iii CHERYL ANNE,[3] b. 20 May 1944.B.R.

24.

NIELS ANDERSEN BRUNS, of PORTLAND, ME., and DESCENDANTS

First Generation

24. NIELS[1]ANDERSEN BRUNS, (Niels Anderson Bruns, Niels A. Bruns), who came to Portland, Me., from Denmark, 19 June 1872, and was naturalized ("Niels Anderson Bruns") at Portland, Me., 7 Sept. 1878(N.R.), was born 11 (not 12) Dec. 1855, in the town and parish of Brøns, Denmark, and baptized ("Niels Andersen Brøns") 10 Feb. 1856, in the parish church at Brøns, the first child of Jef Sørensen Brøns(9) and his wife (immigrant widow) Marie (Miller) Bruns (9), who married 11 Jan. 1855, in the church at Brøns(M.R.).Bapt.R. He was confirmed as baptized, 10 Apr. 1870, in Brøns Church.Conf.R.

He was a grandson of Niels Andersen-Terp(6) and wife Else, nee Jensen Nederby, of the town and parish of Brøns, Denmark, who married 12 Feb. 1819(M.R.), in the church at Brøns, and a great-grandson of Anders Madsen(1) and wife El, nee Lauritsen, of the village of Terp, Bramming Parish, Gørding District, Ribe County, Denmark, who married 30 Oct. 1770, in the parish church at Bramming(M.R.).Land.V.

On emigrating to the U. S. he Anglicized (Bruns) his surname. He ("Niels Anderson Bruns") died 19 May 1931, at Portland, Me., "aged 75 years 5 months 7 days"; retired.D.R.

He emigrated at the age of 16 years 6 months, presumably to escape later being drafted into the German army; the Danish duchy of Schleswig wherein he was born having been annexed to Prussia in 1866. But the story of the boy leaving home so young and with whom or by what means he came to the U. S., appears lost. Inquiry of those who should be informed in the matter elicited

no further information regarding his early life.

For many years, Niels A. Bruns was a coal and wood dealer at Portland, Me., where he was in partnership with a Mr. Johnson, operating under the name of "Bruns & Johnson." Eventually he bought out Mr. Johnson and carried on the business alone until his retirement, when a son took over. He was called "merchant" as early as 1889, at least (page 34). A worthy representative of the family name; under adversity at Portland he became a respected and successful merchant. He is said to have very closely resembled his uncle, Mads Nielsen Bruns(13), in his physical features. The compiler had a very brief acquaintance with him.

Niels Andersen Bruns ("Niels A. Bruns"), The Immigrant, married at Portland, Me., 11 Dec. 1878, IDA AMELIA PETERSON (Ida Peterson in Int. 3 Feb. 1878; Ida Petterson in M.R.), of Portland, Me.; Rev. N. Ellestad, officiated.M.R. She was born in Sweden, Europe; some records concerning her children show the mother as born in "Denmark" which is incorrect. Her full name appears in the second marriage record for the son, Niels Albert Bruns(151). Except that she probably had a niece at Portland, also, nothing further is known of her background. The family resided in Portland and Deering, Me. Their posterity are represented by the descendants of the first four children listed immediately following. His line is well-assured.

Children (Bruns) born in Portland, Me.-

#148. i CHARLES ALFRED,[2] b. about 1880.F.R.
#149. ii THOMAS JEFFERSON,[2] b. 25 Nov. 1882.F.R.
#150. iii CLIFFORD BERNARD,[2] b. 8 Feb. 1884.B.R.
#151. iv NIELS ALBERT,[2] b. ("Nils A.") 5 Dec. 1889.B.R.
152. v MARTHA CHRISTINE LARSEN, adopted as an infant; m. VICTOR BLAKE, have children.

Second Generation

148.

148.

148. CHARLES[2]ALFRED BRUNS (Niels[1]), eldest son of Niels Andersen and Ida Amelia (Peterson) Bruns, immigrants, of Portland, Me., born about 1880, in Portland, Me.(F.R.), possibly in the Deering District.* (The record of birth is unattainable at Portland, as are many of the early ones). He died at Portland, Me., Feb. 1942.F.R. He was an engineer on the B&MRR.

Charles Alfred Bruns married, at the age of 22, 15 Oct. 1902, in Portland, Me., MARY PRUDENCE ROCKWELL, aged 20, born 6 Apr. 1882, in Portland, Me., daughter of J. Park Rockwell and Mary (King) Rockwell, both born in N.S.; John Murray Atwood, Clergyman, officiated.M.R. They resided in Portland and Deering. She is living in South Portland, Me. Their posterity are represented by the descendants of the five children listed immediately following.

Children (Bruns) born in Portland, Me.-

#153. i CHARLES ROCKWELL,[3] b. 22 Nov. 1903.B.R.
154. ii IDA MAY,[3] b. ("Ida M.") 11 Aug. 1907.B.R. She m. Charles H. Turner; living in Scarborough, Me.
#155. iii HARRY KIMMEL,[3] b. 25 Jan. 1914.B.R.
156. iv CARRIE BELLE,[3] b. ("Carrie Bell") 28 Aug. 1919.B.R. She m., 1st, 11 July 1936, in Portsmouth, N.H., SAMUEL PAYSON LIBBY, b. about 1915, in South Portland, Me.; Peter J. Hickey, J.P., officiated. M.R. She is said to have divorced Libby and to have m., 2d, CARL EMERY, by whom there is no issue. (A Mrs. Carrie B. Libby was living in South Portland, in 1946.)
Child (LIBBY)-
(1)Robert.
157. v HARRIS STANLEY,[3] b. 27 June 1923.B.R. He d.y.

149.

149. THOMAS[2]JEFFERSON BRUNS (Niels[1]), second son of Niels Andersen and Ida Amelia (Peterson) Bruns, immigrants, of Portland, Me., born 25 Nov. 1882, in Portland, Me.F.R. He died, 24 Mar. 1932.F.R. Was a hatter, teamster and police officer.

He married, 1901, in Portland, Me., ALICE H. GRIBBEN (Gribbin in some rec-

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*See footnote, page 81.

ords), born 25 Mar. 1883, in Portland, Me., daughter of Watson R. amd Mary A. (Calder) Gribben, and a sister to Clifford Bernard Bruns(150)' wife, Mamie. Her mother born in Greenville (or Jackman), Me., her father in Whiting, Me.M.R. She died, Jan. 1933. The family resided in Portland. There were three children.

Children (Bruns) born in Portland, Me.-

#158. i HARLAND BEVERLY,[3] b. 28 May 1902.B.R.
#159. ii MAYNARD THOMAS,[3] b. 24 Mar. 1908.B.R.
#160. iii NEILS WATSON,[3] b. 21 June 1911.B.R.

150.

150. CLIFFORD[2]BERNARD BRUNS (Niels[1]), third son of Niels Andersen and Ida Amelia (Peterson) Bruns, immigrants, of Portland, Me., born 8 Feb. 1884, in Portland, Me. (Deering District).B.R. A World War I Veteran (AEF). He was in the coal and wood business at Portland, Me., for a number of years; died 25 July 1944.

Clifford Bernard Bruns married, 26 July 1922, in Portland, Me., MAMIE CALDER (GRIBBIN) DREW, widow with three sons, born about 1886, in Portland, Me., daughter of Watson R. Gribbin, born in Whiting, Me., and Mary A. (Calder) Gribbin, born in Jackman (or Greenville), Me.; her second marriage; both parents deceased at the time of her marriage; J. Harrison Thompson, Clergyman, officiated.M.R. She is a sister to Thomas Jefferson Bruns(149)' wife, Alice; formerly a nurse; proprietress of the Clifford B. Bruns Coal Co., at Portland, Me., following her husband's death; now living at Portland. We are indebted to her for the history of this family.

Children (Bruns) born in Portland, Me.-

161. i CLIFFORD BERNARD JR.,[3] b. 5 Mar. 1924.B.R. He d. 28 May 1947, in Portland, Me., unm. Was in the Navy.

#162. ii NIELS ANDERSON II,[3] b. ("Neils Anderson Bruns 2d"), twin, 14 Jan. 1925.B.R.
#163. iii ELMER WEST,[3] b. twin, 14 Jan. 1925.B.R.
164. iv EVELYN MURIEL,[3] b. 9 Jan. 1930.B.R. Resided in Portland, Me.; a teacher; m. 13 Aug. 1954, in Honolulu, LEEWY A. AHLQUIST, from the Portland, Me. area (Scarborough or Gorham). She is the 4th child of these parents; the 7th child of the mother.

151.

151. NIELS[2]ALBERT BRUNS (Niels[1]), fourth son and youngest child of Niels Andersen and Ida Amelia (Peterson) Bruns, immigrants, of Portland, Me., born 5 Dec. 1889, in Portland, Me.B.R. He was in the coal and wood business at Portland for many years; died at Portland, 20 Oct. 1953.F.R.

He married, first, 22 July 1914, in Portland, Me., MARION McNALLY, born about 1889, in Portland, Me., daughter of Patrick and Ellen McNally, both born in Ireland; B. L. Donnell, J.P., officiated.M.R. She died in 1918. There were two children by this union.

He married secondly, 14 Dec. 1927, in Portland, Me., SARA ELEANOR (KENNEDY) COLE, born about 1890, in Moncton, N.B.; her second marriage; Henrik Plambeck, Clergyman, officiated.M.R. There was no issue by the second union. She is living at Portland, Me.

Children (Bruns) by first wife, Marion, born in Portland, Me.-

#165. i DONALD ALBERT,[3] b. 29 June 1915.B.R.
166. ii PHILIP EDWARD,[3] b. 6 July 1916.B.R. He d. aged 9 months.

Third Generation

153.

153. CHARLES[3]ROCKWELL BRUNS (Charles,[2] Niels[1]), eldest son of Charles Alfred and Lary Prudence (Rockwell) Bruns, born 22 Nov. 1903, in Portland, Me.B.R. A chauffeur, machinist, engineer,

Charles Rockwell Bruns married, first, in Portland, Me., BEATRICE MARY LAWLER, daughter of Daniel Joseph and Josephine (Reynolds) Lawler, born in Portland, Me., about 1904; her father born in Birkenhead, England. Presumably, this marriage ended in divorce. She is living at Gray, Me.; a brother, Harry C., in vaudeville and show business for years, born in East Deering, Me., 3 Oct. 1899, died in Aug. 1954, at Portland, Me., aged 54.

He married, secondly, 15 Feb. 1931, in Portland, Me., OLGA GRACE BARSANTI, born about 1907, in Portland, Me., daughter of Pilgrim and Edith (Cinquini) Barsanti born in Italy and now deceased; her first marriage; William Dawes Veazie, Clergyman, officiated.M.R. Living in South Portland, Me.

Children (Bruns) by first wife, Beatrice, born in Portland, Me.-

167. i NORMAN,[4] b. 29 Oct. 1924.B.R.
#168. ii CHARLES LAWLER,[4] b. 22 Sept. 1925.B.R.

Child (Bruns) by second wife, Olga, born in Portland, Me.-

169. iii PETER ALFRED,[4] b. 14 Mar. 1939.B.R.

155.

155. HARRY[3]KIMMEL BRUNS (Charles,[2] Niels[1]), second son of Char;es Alfred and Mary Prudence (Rockwell) Bruns, born 25 Jan. 1914, in Portland, Me.B.R. A salesman.

He married, 23 Sept. 1934, in Portsmouth, N.H., EULA IRENE SANDS, born about 1914, in Waterville, Me.; Philip S. Nason, Clergyman, officiated.M.R. Living in South Portland, Me.

Child (Bruns) born in Portland, Me.-

170. i LINDA,[4] b. 11 Sept. 1940.B.R.

158.

158. HARLAND[3]BEVERLY BRUNS (Thomas,[2] Niels[1]), eldest son of Thomas Jef-

jerson and Alice H. (Gribben) Bruns, of Portland, Me., born 28 May 1902, in Portland.B.R. Supt. of Pocahontas Fuel Co., Inc., at Portland, Me. We are indebted to him for confirming the history of Thomas J. Bruns and his family.

He married, 16 June 1923, in Bowdoin, Me. (record at Portland, Me.), ELSIE A. CLARKE, born about 1903, in Portland (Long Island), Me., daughter of Henry J. and Phoebe A. (Doughty) Clarke; A. W. Wentworth, Clergyman, officiated.M.R. Living at Portland, Me.

Children (Bruns) born in Portland, Me.-

#171. i HARLAND THOMAS,[4] b. 28 Mar. 1924.
172. ii ROBERT EVERETT,[4] b. 25 Apr. 1927; graduate of Univ. of Maine; is employed at the National Carbon Co., in Tex; unm.
173. iii RICHARD CLARKE,[4] b. 4 May 1937.B.R. Student.

159.

159. MAYNARD[3]THOMAS BRUNS (Thomas,[2] Niels[1]), second son of Thomas Jefferson and Alice H. (Gribben) Bruns, of Portland, Me., born 24 Mar. 1908, in Portland, Me.B.R. A cost accountant, employed by Brown Co., Berlin, N.H. We are indebted to him for confirming the history of his family.

He married, 1931, in Portland, Me., NELLIE EMILY URQUHART, born 11 Dec. 1914, at Campobello, N.B., daughter of Grover Cleveland and Cassie Bell (Searles) Urquhart.

Children (Bruns) born in Portland, Me.-

174. i MAYNARD THOMAS JR.,[4] b. 30 June 1932.B.R. In the Air Force; served in Korea in 1952; unm.
175. ii ALICE BEVERLY,[4] b. 23 May 1934.B.R. Typist at Berlin, N.H.; unm.
176. iii RALPH ERVING,[4] b. 15 Aug. 1935.B.R. In the Air Force; now on Okinawa; unm.

160.

160. NEILS[3]WATSON BRUNS (Thomas,[2] Niels[1]), third son of Thomas Jefferson and Alice H. (Gribben) Bruns, born 21 June 1911, in Portland, Me.B.R. A pipe-

fitter and plumber.

He married, 16 Apr. 1934, in Portsmouth, N.H., MARY ELIZABETH MORRISON, born about 1916, in Portland, Me.; Peter J. Hickey, J.P., officiated.M.R., and probably a second time, 2 May 1952, at Portland, Me. Believed living in South Portland, Me.

Children (Bruns) born in Portland, Me.-

177. i HELEN THOMASENA,[4] b. 30 Oct. 1934.B.R. She m., 1st, and divorced, ADRIAN ACKLEY, South Portland; m. 2d, THOMAS SAWYER; living in Columbus, O.
Child (SAWYER)-
(1)Lind Louise, b. 1 Aug. 1954, probably in Portland, Me.
178. ii NEILS WATSON JR.,[4] b. 11 Jan. 1936.B.R. With the Merchant Marine.
179. iii PATRICIA ANN,[4] b. 25 Dec. 1936.B.R.

162.

162. NIELS[3]ANDERSON BRUNS II (Clifford,[2] Niels[1]), second son of Clifford Bernard and Mamie Calder (Gribbin) Drew Bruns, of Portland, Me., born ("Neils Anderson Bruns 2d") 14 Jan. 1925, in Portland, Me., twin of Elmer West Bruns (163).B.R. Formerly a machinist; employed now in the coal and wood business at Portland, Me.

He ("Niels Anderson Bruns") married, 15 July 1944, in South Portland, Me., (record at Portland), FERN GERTRUDE WILDES, born about 1926, in Portland, Me., daughter of Lewis B. and Helen King (Ferguson) Wildes; George Holgate, Clergyman, officiated.M.R. Living at Portland, Me.

Children (Bruns) born in Portland, Me.-

180. i NIELS ANDERSON JR.,[4] b. 15 June 1945.B.R. Student.
181. ii LAWRENCE EDWARD,[4] b. 1 June 1949.B.R.
182. iii JO ANN,[4] b. 3 Sept. 1952.B.R.

163.

163. ELMER[3]WEST BRUNS (Clifford,[2] Niels[1]), son of Clifford Bernard and Mamie Calder (Gribbin) Drew Bruns, born 14 Jan. 1925, in Portland, Me., twin

of Niels Anderson Bruns II(162).B.R. Employed in the oil business.

He married, 1951, in Westbrook, Me., BETTY LOU COTA, born about 1934, in Winn, Me., daughter of Fred H. and Loris E. (Moors) Cota. Living in Portland, Me. Have two children.

Children (Bruns) born in Portland, Me.-

183. i DWIGHT PARKER,[4] b. 22 June 1951.B.R.
184. ii MAYMELEE,[4] b. 10 July 1954.B.R.

165.

165. DONALD[3]ALBERT BRUNS (Niels,[2] Niels[1]), first son of Niels Albert and Marion (McNally) Bruns, of Portland, Me., born 29 June 1915, in Portland, Me.B.R. Formerly Manager of the Niels A. Bruns Coal & Wood Co., at Portland, Me., now in the oil business (Bruns Oil & Service Co.) there.

He married, 11 Sept. 1942, in New Bern, N.C., LOUISA ETHEL JOHNSON, born in Bridgewater, Vt., proprietress of a beauty parlor at Portland, Me., where the family resides. We are indebted to him for confirming this family's history and that of his parents.

Child (Bruns) born in Portland, Me.-

185. i DONALD ALBERT JR.,[4] b. 3 Jan. 1952.B.R.

Fourth Generation

168.

168. CHARLES[4]LAWLER BRUNS (Charles,[3] Charles,[2] Niels[1]), second son of Charles Rockwell and Beatrice Mary (Lawler) Bruns, born 22 Sept. 1925, in Portland, Me.B.R. He married MARGARET IDA GOFF, born in Portland, Me. Living at Gray, Me.

Children (Bruns) born in Portland, Me.-

186. i (?) Record unattainable at Portland; possibly born in Gray, Me.
187. ii MARGARET GAY,[5] b. 9 Aug. 1951 (2d child).B.R.
188. iii KATHLEEN RAE,[5] b. 12 Aug. 1952 (3d child).B.R.
189. iv BONNIE BEA,[5] b. 14 Oct. 1953 (4th child).B.R.

171.

171. HARLAND[4] THOMAS BRUNS (Harland,[3] Thomas,[2] Niels[1]), eldest son of Harland Beverly and Elsie A. (Clarke) Bruns, born 28 Mar. 1924, in Portland, Me. A graduate of Portland High School. Attended the DeForest Radio Training School, at Chicago, Ill. Graduated from the Radio School, Cambridge, Mass. A World War II Veteran (Navy). Now operator at the Pocahontas Terminal.

He married, first, 1 Apr. 1950, at Long Island, Portland, Me., EVELYN GAIL ROGERS, born about 1933, in Portland, Me., daughter of Samuel and Geneva (Bickford) Rogers; Lawrence W. Hathorne, Clergyman, officiated.M.R.

He married, secondly, 19 Mar. 1954, in Auburn, Me., MARGARET BROWN SULLIVAN, born about 1934, in Gorham, N.H., daughter of Robert Owen and Henrietta (Lary) Sullivan, of Gorham; Lawrence W. Hathorne, Clergyman, officiated.M.R. Living in South Portland, Me.

Child (Bruns) by first wife, Evelyn, born in Portland, Me.-

190. i CYNTHIA DIANE,[5] b. 20 Apr. 1951.B.R.

25.

MATHIAS MARIUS BRUNS, of PORTLAND, ME., and DESCENDANTS

First Generation

25. MATHIAS[1]MARIUS BRUNS, (Mathias M. Bruns, Mathias Bruns), who came to Portland, Me., from Denmark, 11 June 1888, and was naturalized ("Mathias Bruns") at Portland, Me., 26 Oct. 1896(N.R.), was born 9 (not 10) Aug. 1858, in the town and parish of Brøns (not Skanderborg), Denmark, and baptized ("Mathias Marius Brøns") in the parish church at Brøns, 9 Sept. 1858, the second child of Jef Sørensen Brøns(9) and his wife (immigrant widow), Marie (Miller) Bruns (9), who married 11 Jan. 1855(M.R.), in the church at Brøns.Bapt.R. He was confirmed 6 Apr. 1873 as baptized, in Brøns Church.Conf.R.

He was a grandson of Niels Andersen-Terp(6) and wife Else, nee Jensen Nederby, of the town and parish of Brøns, Denmark, who married 12 Feb. 1819(M.R.) in the church at Brøns, and a great-grandson of Anders Madsen(1) and wife El, nee Lauritsen, of the village of Terp, Bramming Parish, Gørding District, Ribe County, Denmark, who married 30 Oct. 1770(M.R.) in the church at Bramming. Land.V.

He Anglicized (Bruns) his surname upon emigrating to the U. S. He died 3 June 1940, at Portland, Me., "aged 81 years 9 months 23 days"; burial at Stroudwater, Me.D.R. He outlived his wife.

Mathias emigrated to Portland, Me., with wife and two small children, from Skanderborg, Denmark, presumably via Copenhagen, Denmark, where the youngest of his two immigrant children was born. It was believed by some members of the Bruns families that Mathias visited Portland earlier, then returned to Denmark and subsequently emigrated with his family, but nothing has been found to support this belief.

Mathias Marius Bruns ("Mathias Marius Brøns") married, 27 Nov. 1883, in the church at Skanderborg, North Jutland, Denmark, MARIE CHRISTINE BOES, aged 31, born in Skanderborg, daughter of Christian, glazier at Skanderborg.Land.V. She died ("Marie Bruns, Mathias Bruns, husband") in Portland, Me., 4 Aug. 1936, "aged 84 years 5 months 8 days"; burial at Stroudwater, Me.D.R.

He resided in Brøns, Ribe and Skanderborg, Denmark, and Stroudwater and Portland, Me. He had been drafted by the German army but soon was released as unfit for service. Soon thereafter he was at Ribe and finally at Skanderborg. On their arrival at Portland, the family settled in Stroudwater, where for 60 years Mathias was a shoemaker as he had been in Denmark. Upon his retirement, he moved into Portland to live with his son, Jens Christian Bruns (35). He was the only one of his generation to marry in Denmark.

The posterity of Mathias Marius and Marie Christine (Boes) Bruns are represented by the descendants of the three children listed immediately following; his line is far from assured.

Children (Bruns) born in Denmark, Europe, and Portland, Me.-

Born in Denmark-

35. i JENS CHRISTIAN, b. 14 Dec. 1883, in Skanderborg, Denmark.Bapt.R. SEE UNDER HIS CONSECUTIVE NUMBER, HEREAFTER.

36. ii MARINUS JEFFERSON, b. 22 Aug. 1887, in Copenhagen, Denmark, according to himself. SEE UNDER HIS CONSECUTIVE NUMBER, HEREAFTER.

Born in Portland, Me.-

#191. iii THOMAS PETER,[2] b. ("Thomas") 1 Oct. 1892.B.R.

Second Generation

191.

191. THOMAS[2]PETER BRUNS (Mathias[1]), third son and youngest child of Mathias Marius and Marie Christine (Boes) Bruns, immigrants, of Portland, Me., born

1 Oct. 1892, at Portland, Me.B.R. Formerly employed by the Portland Coach Co., after some years as a conductor on the electric trolleys. Now living at North Windham, Me., where he is proprietor of an amusement place. We are indebted to him for the history of Mathias Marius Bruns' descendants.

He married, 17 June 1913, at Saco, Me.(F.R.), ADMAH MYRTLE GOODWIN, born about 1893, in Saco, daughter of Fred L. and Viola Y. (Emmons) Goodwin, her father born in Saco, her mother in Biddeford, Me.Int. (16 June 1913, at Saco). The "Intentions" are recorded under the name "Burns", changed from "Bruns"; the marriage return is not on file at Saco, but both Tom and his wife wrote that they were married in Saco on the date stated. In the Intentions, also, his mother is stated as "Ella Adjutant", born in Denmark; there is a mix-up of records here, for his mother was without any doubt, Marie Christine (Boes) Bruns, born in Skanderborg, Denmark. There were two children.

Children (Bruns) born in Portland, Me.-

#192. i ROGER WILLIAM,[3] b. 18 Mar. 1915.B.R.

193. ii MARION ETHEL,[3] b. 9 Sept. 1918.B.R. She m. 26 July 1940, in Portland, Me., ROY TRULL WILCOX, b. about 1910, in Biddeford, Me., son of George (deceased) b. in Sherbrooke, Quebec, Cda., and Elizabeth (Williams) b. in Liverpool, Eng., salesman; W. Nevin Elliott, Clergyman, officiated.M.R.

Children (WILCOX)-

(1)Barry Alan, b. 25 Nov. 1942, in Brockton, Mass.F.R.

(2)Deborah Joyace, b. 7 Sept. 1948, in Portland, Me.F.R.

(3)Janace Ann, b. 18 July 1950, in Portland, Me.

Third Generation

192.

192. ROGER[3]WILLIAM BRUNS (Thomas,[2] Mathias[1]), eldest child of Thomas Peter and Admah Myrtle (Goodwin) Bruns, of Portland and North Windham, Me., born 18 Mar. 1915, in Portland, Me.B.R.

He married, 1937, in Portsmouth, N.H., RUBY MAE JOHNSON, born about 1916,

on Long Island, Portland, Me.F.R. Living in Portland, Me.

Children (Bruns) born in Portland, Me.-

194. i WAYNE THOMAS,[4] b. 7 Jan. 1938.B.R. (3 Jan. F.R. ?)
195. ii STILLBORN,[4] b. 7 Mar. 1945.D.R.
196. iii SHARON LEIGH,[4] b. 7 Mar. 1945.B.R. (5 Mar. F.R. ?)

26.

HANS CHRISTIAN and ELSE CHRISTINE (BRUNS) LUND, of SCARBOROUGH, ME., and THEIR DESCENDANTS

26. ELSE[1]CHRISTINE BRUNS, (Else Christina Brons), who came to Portland, Me., from Denmark, probably in 1880, was born 3 Feb. (not 11 May) 1861, in the town and parish of Brøns, Denmark, and baptized ("Else Christine Brøns") 10 Mar. 1861, in the church at Brøns, the third child of Jef Sørensen Brøns(9) and his wife (immigrant widow), Marie (Miller) Bruns(9), who married 11 Jan. 1855(M.R.), in the parish church at Brøns.Bapt.R. She was confirmed 21 Mar. 1875 as baptized, in the church at Brøns.Conf.R.

She was a granddaughter of Niels Andersen-Terp(6) and wife Else, nee Jensen Nederby, of the town and parish of Brøns, Denmark, who married 12 Feb. 1819 (M.R.), in the church at Brøns, and a great-granddaughter of Anders Madsen(1) and wife El, nee Lauritsen, of the village of Terp, Bramming Parish, Gørding District, Ribe County, Denmark, who married 30 Oct. 1770(M.R.), in the parish church at Bramming.Land.V.

She ("Else Kristine Lund") died 23 July 1899, at Scarborough, Me., "aged 38 years"; burial at Black Point Cemetery, Scarborough.D.R.

Else Christine Bruns ("Else Christina Brons"), The Immigrant, married 4 Jan. 1884, at Milwaukee, Wis., HANS CHRISTIAN LUND, born in "Anholm, Denmark," engineer, son of "Peter Madsen Lund and Anna Catrina Bendicksen Lund"; A. A. Hoskin, Clergyman, officiated.M.R.

HANS[1]CHRISTIAN LUND, (Hans Lund), who emigrated to Bridgeport, Conn., from "Anholm," Denmark, in Aug. 1873, and was naturalized ("Hans Lund") at Portland,

Me., 4 Feb. 1893, was born in Anholm, Denmark, 29 Sept. 1856.N.R. He died, 1932, aged 75 years, in Portland, Me.F.R.

Hans Christian Lund, The Immigrant, studied steam engineering at Bridgeport, Conn., and was engaged in steam engineering until 18 Aug. 1888, when he bought and settled on a farm in Scarborough, Me. Following their marriage, the couple went to and resided for a time in Portland, Ore., before returning to Portland, Me. He was employed as engineer at Bracket Mills, Me., and at the Falmouth Hotel, in Portland, Me., before marriage. His line will become extinct with the death of the daughter, Annie, but through her there are descendants. There were but two children. He had relatives on the west-coast.

Children of Hans Christian Lund and wife Else

i PETER JEFFERSON,[2] b. 1884.F.R. He d. in Scarborough, Me., aged 4 years.F.R.

ii ANNIE MARIE,[2] b. 3 Feb. 1886, in Portland, Ore.; m. 22 Apr. 1920, in Portland, Me., Niels Sophus Johnson, b. 31 Jan. 1888, in Portland, Me., son of Niels and Inger (Andersen) Johnson, of Scarborough, Me. His father b. "Niels Jørgensen" 1 Jan. 1846, in Denmark, son of Jørgen Jensen, d. 27 Mar. 1927, at Scarborough. His mother b. 24 May 1849, in Skuldelev, Horns District, Frederiksborg County, Denmark, daughter of Anders Pedersen and his wife, Ane Sofie, nee Olsen.Land.C. His mother came to Portland, Me., in 1882, d. at Scarborough, 4 Apr. 1915(D.R.), a sister of Karen Sophie (Andersen) Bruns, 1st wife of Niels Andersen Nielsen Bruns(15). His parents m. in Portland, Me., 18 Nov. 1885.

Living on the Lund farm in Scarborough, Me. We are indebted to her for the Lund family history, and much of that on the Petersen family, following.

Child (Johnson)-

(1)Niels Sophus jr., b. 13 Feb. 1922; m. 1949, Dorothy Davis, of N. H. He is an accountant; living in South Portland, Me. A World War II Veteran.

Child (Johnson)-

(I)RONALD NIELS, b. Oct. 1951.

27.

LARS PETER and ELSINE MARIE (BRUNS) PETERSEN, of PORTLAND, ME. and BOSTON MASS., and SOME DESCENDANTS

27. ELSINE[1]MARIE BRUNS, (Sine Bruns, Sina Bruns), who came to Portland, Me., from Denmark, in 1889 or before, was born 22 Feb. 1864, in the town and parish of Brøns, Denmark, and baptized ("Elsine Marie Brøns") 28 Mar. 1864, in the parish church at Brøns, the fourth child and second daughter of Jef Sørensen Brøns(9) and his wife (immigrant widow), Marie (Miller) Bruns(9), who married 11 Jan. 1855(M.R.), in the church at Brøns.Bapt.R. She was confirmed as baptized, 14 Apr. 1878, in the church at Brøns.Conf.R.

She was a granddaughter of Niels Andersen-Terp(6) and wife Else, nee Jensen Nederby, of the town and parish of Brøns, Denmark, who married 12 Feb. 1819 (M.R.), in Brøns Church, and a great-granddaughter of Anders Madsen(1) and wife El, nee Lauritsen, of the village of Terp, Bramming Parish, Gørding District, Ribe County, Denmark, who married 30 Oct. 1770(M.R.), in the parish church at Bramming.Land.V.

She died about 1951 away from Portland, Me.; burial at Portland. Elsine Marie Bruns ("Sina Bruns"), The Immigrant, married 24 Dec. 1892, age 28, in Portland, Me., LARS PETER PETERSEN, age 29, of "W. Newton", son of Andrias S. and Stenie Petersen, born in Denmark; I. K. Poulsen, Clergyman, officiated. M.R. He died about 1934 of cancer.

LARS[1]PETER PETERSEN, who emigrated to Chicago, Ill., 10 June 1886, and was naturalized ("Lars P. Petersen") at Portland, Me., 22 Sept. 1898, was born 8 Sept. 1863, in Denmark (Copenhagen.F.R.).N.R.

The family resided in Portland (Stroudwater), Me., and Boston (Roslindale), Mass., and probably elsewhere in Mass. Living at Portland at the time of their daughter Marie(s marriage. He was a carpenter and cabinetmaker.

Children of Lars Peter Petersen and wife Elsine

i HENRY, b. 5 Feb. 1894, at Boston, Mass.B.R. A doctor; said to have resided in Texas.

ii MARIE HANDSINA, b. ("Maria") 15 Oct. 1895, in Boston.B.R. She m. aged 26, 2 Sept. 1922, in Portland, Me., Stanley Hatch Dalton, b. about 1896, in Hollis, N.H., salesman, son of Henry F., b. in Amesbury, Mass., and Lura Bell (Hubbard), b. in Nashua, N.H.; James F. Albion, Clergyman, officiated.M.R. Believed to be living in N.J. or Md.

iii ELSIE A., b. 5 May 1900, in Portland, Me.B.R. Said to have m. -------Webber from whom later divorced. Believed to be living in or about Portland, Me.

iv CHRISTINE C., b. ("Peterson") 10 Feb. 1902, in Portland, Me., the parents stated as: "Alma Bruns and Lars Peter Peterson, carpenter; residing in Stroudwater."B.R. Believed to be living and m.

28.

JENS WALDEMAR and CECILLA (BRUNS) BANG, of LONG ISLAND, N.Y., and HIS DESCENDANTS

28. CECILLA[1]BRUNS, (Celia Bruns, Cecilia Bruns), who came to the U. S., presumably to Portland, Me., from Denmark, before 1889, was born 22 May 1867, in the town and parish of Brøns, Denmark, and baptized ("Cecilla Brøns") 16 June 1867, in the church at Brøns, the fifth and youngest child of Jef Sørensen Brøns(9) and his wife (immigrant widow), Marie (Miller) Bruns(9), who married 11 Jan. 1855(M.R.), in the parish church at Brøns.Bapt.R. She was confirmed as baptized, 29 Jan. 1882, in Brøns Church.Conf.R.

She was a granddaughter of Niels Andersen-Terp(6) and wife Else, nee Jensen Nederby, of the town and parish of Brøns, Denmark, who married 12 Feb 1819 (M.R.), in the church at Brøns, and a great-granddaughter of Anders Madsen(1) and wife El, nee Lauritsen, of the village of Terp, Bramming Parish, Gørding District, Ribe County, Denmark, who married 30 Oct. 1770(M.R.), in the parish church at Bramming.Land.V.

Cecilla Bruns, The Immigrant, died about 1950/51, without issue; burial probably in the lot of Niels Albert Bruns(151), at Portland, Me.

It is said Cecilla was sent back to Denmark after the death of the father, by the others of the children of Jef and Marie, especially to bring the widowed mother to Portland.

She married, first, JENS WALDEMAR BANG; resided on Long Island, N.Y. Presumably she divorced Bang. She is said to have married, secondly, HARRY COOMBS. Believed to have gone to California after leaving Long Island. Nothing further is known concerning her, but of Bang, his second wife and his descendants, there is the following knowledge.

JENS[1]WALDEMAR BANG, (Walter Bang), said to have been born in Denmark, Europe, and now deceased, married, secondly, ALICE MAY (BRUNS) COLLINS(137), born 25 Feb. 1895(B.R.) at Portland, Me., daughter of Anders Nielsen Bruns(23), ex-wife of Lindley M. Collins, of Portland, Me., by whom there was one child, Warren, who was adopted by Epper and Millie Petersen, uncle and aunt of his mother. (See page 105). She is living at Portland, Me.

Children of Jens Waldemar Bang and second wife, Alice

i JENS WALDEMAR JR., said to have d. in Mar. 1954, a Capt. in the Army, home from Korea.
ii ELSIE, d.y.

33.

MADS M. and ELSE MARIE NIELSEN (BRUNS) NANSEN, of PORTLAND, ME., and SOME DESCENDANTS

33. ELSE[1]MARIE NIELSEN BRUNS (Else M. N. Bruns, Marie Bruns), who came to Portland, Me., from Denmark, presumably disembarking at N. Y. City, on or about 7 Sept. 1861 (the date of entry of her father into the U. S. - His N.R.), thence to Portland, was born 18 Aug. 1857, in the town of Gammelskov, Agerskov Parish, Nørre-Rangstrup District, Denmark, and baptized ("Else Marie Nielsen Brøns") 20 Sept. 1857, in the parish church at Agerskov, the first child of Mads Nielsen Bruns(13) and wife Maren, nee Thomsen, who married 10 July 1857 (M.R.), in the church at Agerskov; the mother 23-3/4 years old.Bapt.R.

She was a granddaughter of Niels Andersen-Terp(6) and wife Else, nee Jensen Nederby, of the town and parish of Brøns, Denmark, who married 12 Feb. 1819 (M.R.), in the church at Brøns, and a great-granddaughter of Anders Madsen(1) and wife El, nee Lauritsen, of the village of Terp, Bramming Parish, Gørding District, Ribe County, Denmark, who married 30 Oct. 1770(M.R.), in the church at Bramming.Land.V.

She ("Marie Bruns"), Else Marie Nielsen Bruns, The Immigrant, married, 10 Mar. 1876, in Portland, Me., MADS M. NANSEN, of Portland, Me.; Rev. N. Ellestad, officiated.M.R.

MADS[1]M. NANSEN probably was a native of Denmark. The following information was provided by Mrs. Elsie L. Warburg (Mrs. Arthur Christian Warburg):

Child of Mads M. Nansen and wife Else

i CLIFFORD F., m. Anna Christine Warburg, daughter of John Hanson Warburg and Marie Christine (Gram) Warburg, of West Falmouth, Me. Living in Trenton, N.J.
Children (Nansen): two boys and one girl.

34.

ANNA C. BRUNS, of PORTLAND, ME.

34. ANNA C. BRUNS, who came to Portland, Me., from Denmark, presumably disembarking at N. Y. City, on or about 7 Sept. 1861 (the date of her father's entry into the U. S. - His N.R.), thence to Portland, was born in Denmark, probably in 1861 (9 years old in U. S. 1870 C.E.). She was the second child of Mads Nielsen Bruns(13) and wife Maren, nee Thomsen, of Gammelskov, Agerskov Parish, Nørre-Rangstrup District, Denmark, who married in the parish church at Agerskov, 10 July 1857(M.R.). (May have been born "Nielsen").

She was a granddaughter of Niels Andersen-Terp(6) and wife Else, nee Jensen Nederby, of the town and parish of Brøns, Denmark, who married 12 Feb. 1819 (M.R.), in the church at Brøns, and a great-granddaughter of Anders Madsen(1) and wife El, nee Lauritsen, of the village of Terp, Bramming Parish, Gørding District, Ribe County, Denmark, who married 30 Oct. 1770(M.R.), in the church at Bramming.Land.V.

Anna C. Bruns, The Immigrant, never married. She died 27 Jan. 1949, in Portland, Me., "aged 85 years 2 months 27 days,* born in Denmark; Father: -------Bruns; Mother: Marian Thompson"; burial at Evergreen Cemetery, Portland (Lot P24-1/2).D.R. She resided with Mrs. Laurence B. Stevens (Mrs. Marion B. Stevens), daughter of Mads Nielsen Bruns(13)' son Anders (Andrew) N. Bruns(40), in 1946.(Portland Directory). She was held in very high esteem by the wife of the compiler and others of the Bruns families.

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*Her age at death as given in the record quoted above, does not agree with the year of birth obtained from the U. S. 1870 C.E., wherein she is: "Ann A. Bruns, age 9 years, born in Denmark." It is possible she was born while the family was yet in Denmark enroute from Gammelskov to Copenhagen to embark for the U. S., even as Mathias M. Bruns(25)' son Marinus J. Bruns(36) seems to have been. The Landsarkivet at Aabenraa, Denmark, reported the record of her birth could not be found in any of the parish churchbooks for North Schleswig.

35.

JENS CHRISTIAN BRUNS, of PORTLAND and NORTH WINDHAM, ME., and FAMILY

35. JENS[1] CHRISTIAN BRUNS, (Jens C. Bruns, Christian Bruns, "Chris" Bruns), who came to Portland, Me., from Denmark, presumably on 11 June 1888 (the date of entry into the U. S. of the father, his N.R.), was born 14 Dec. (not 22 Dec.) 1883, in Skanderborg, North Jutland, Denmark, and baptized ("Jens Christian Brøns") in Skanderborg Palace Chapel, 4 May 1884, the first child of Mathias Marius Bruns(25) and wife Marie Christine, nee Boes, immigrants, of Portland, Me., who married 27 Nov. 1883(Land.V.), in the church at Skanderborg.Bapt.R.

He is a grandson of Jef Sørensen Brøns(9), and his wife (immigrant widow) Marie (Miller) Bruns(9) of Portland, Me., who were married 11 Jan. 1855(M.R.), in the parish church at Brøns, Denmark; a great-grandson of Niels Andersen-Terp(6) and wife Else, nee Jensen Nederby, of the town and parish of Brøns, Denmark, who married 12 Feb. 1819(M.R.), in the church at Brøns; and a great-great-grandson of Anders Madsen(1) and wife El, nee Lauritsen, of the village of Terp, Bramming Parish, Gørding District, Ribe County, Denmark, who married 30 Oct. 1770(M.R.), in the parish church at Bramming.Land.V. He was in Skanderborg when vaccinated, 30 Apr. 1887.(Certificate).

On reaching manhood he retained the Anglicized (Bruns) form of his surname taken by his parents on emigrating to Portland. One of three now living who of all the Bruns and Brons families were born in Denmark, was in a nursing home in North Windham, Me., at last accounts. He was a shoemaker at Portland for many years, as was his father before him in Denmark, and in Stroudwater, Me. His line will become extinct upon his death.

Jens Christian Bruns ("Christian Bruns"), The Immigrant, married 2 June 1915, age 31, at Portsmouth, N.H., ALBERTA F. (SAWYER) PLACE, who was born about 1886,

in Portland, Me., her second marriage; Percy W. Caswell, Clergyman, officiated. M.R. She died in Aug. 1954, at North Windham, Me.

Child (Bruns) born in Portland, Me.-

197. i ELEANOR FRANCES,[2] b. 14 Apr. 1921.B.R. She d. 10 June 1926.F.R.

(Note- See also Helen Marie Bruns(237), under "Persons Not Placed").

36.

MARINUS JEFFERSON BRUNS, of PORTLAND, ME., and DESCENDANTS

36. **MARINUS**[1] **JEFFERSON BRUNS**, (Reanus Bruns, Reamus Bruns, Jeff Bruns), who came to Portland, Me., from Denmark, presumably on 11 June 1888 (the date of entry of the father into the U. S., his N.R.), was born about 22 Aug. 1887, in Copenhagen, Denmark, according to himself, the second child of Mathias Marius Bruns(25) and wife, Marie Christine, nee Boes, immigrants, of Portland, Me., who married 27 Nov. 1883(Land.V.), in the church at Skanderborg, Denmark. Presumably he was born while the parents were at Copenhagen making arrangements for the family's passage to the U. S.

He is a grandson of Jef Sørensen Brøns(9), and his wife (immigrant widow) Marie (Miller) Bruns(9) of Portland, Me., who married 11 Jan. 1855(M.R.), in the church at Brøns, Denmark; a great-grandson of Niels Andersen-Terp(6) and wife Else, nee Jensen Nederby, of the town and parish of Brøns, Denmark, who married 12 Feb. 1819(M.R.), in the church at Brøns; and a great-great-grandson of Anders Madsen(1) and wife El, nee Lauritsen, of the village of Terp, Bramming Parish, Gørding District, Ribe County, Denmark, who married 30 Oct. 1770 (M.R.), in the parish church at Bramming.Land.V.

On reaching manhood he retained the Anglicized (Bruns) form of his surname taken by his parents on emigrating to Portland. He is one of three now living, who of all the Bruns and Brons families were born in Denmark; residing at Portland, Me., where he is employed by the Portland Coach Co.; formerly a trolley-car operator.

Marinus J. Bruns, The Immigrant, married first, 1912 in Portsmouth, N.H., JULIA ISABEL SHANE, born in Naples, Me.; divorced in 1929. She was living at Portland in 1946.

He ("Reanus J. Bruns") married, secondly, 15 Sept. 1939 (1931 according to

his brother Thomas), aged "47"(?), in Portland, Me., EVA M. (SULLIVAN) LAWSON, born about 1903, in Lancaster, N.H., daughter of James S. Sullivan, born in St. John, N.B., conductor, and Irma (Hodge), born in Concord, N.H.; her second marriage; A. E. Smith, J.P., officiated.M.R. No issue by the second union.

(Note- One Eva May Sullivan married, Lief Olaf Larson, at Portland, Me., 7 Mar. 1919.)

His posterity is represented by the descendants of the daughter, the only child, listed immediately following.

Child (Bruns) by first wife, Julia

198. i DOROTHY VIRGINIA,[2] b. 13 May 1912, in Casco, Me.

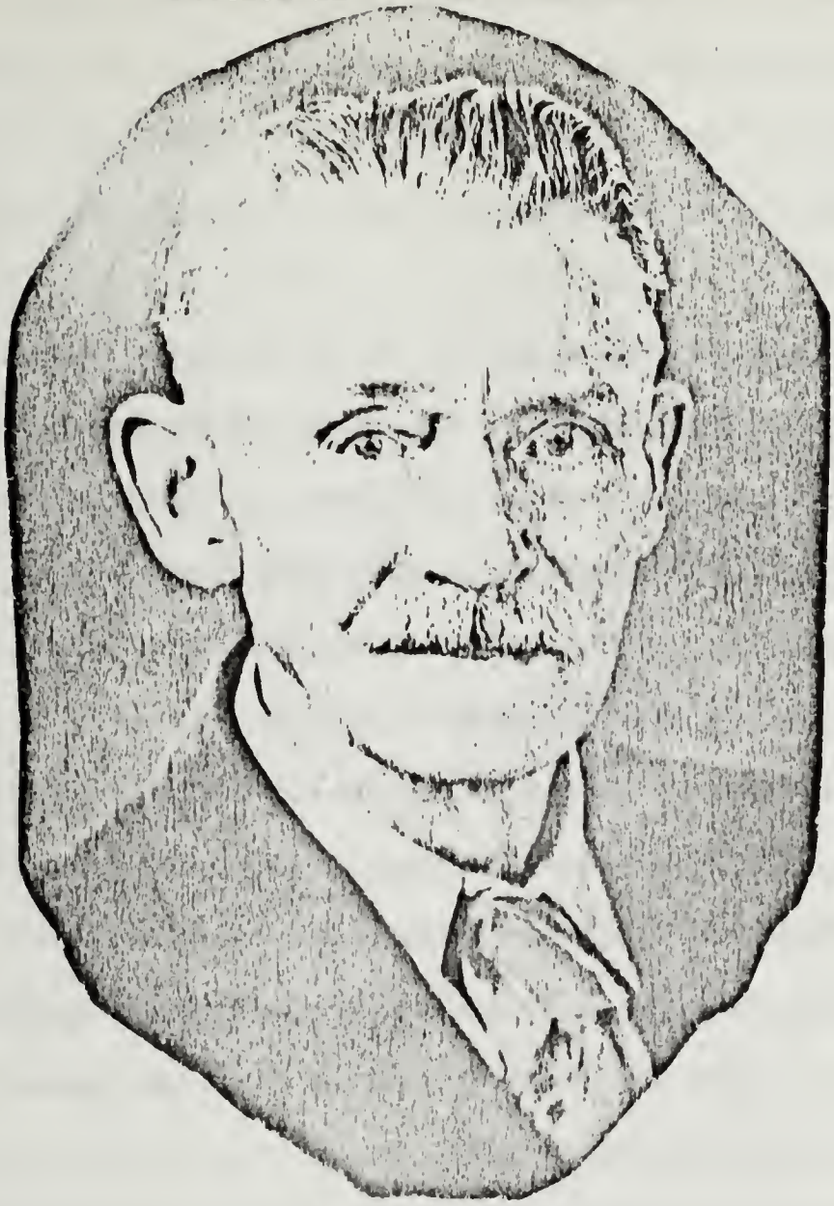
(Note- According to an indorsement on my letter to the Town Clerk of Casco, Me., "Dorothy Bruns was born in Casco, May 13, 1912, but the birth records for that period were destroyed by fire. I found in a town report for that year a state't to that effect and I know the people at whose home she was born but I do not know whether that is sufficient evidence for a certified copy.")

She m., 1938, in Conway, N.H., JAMES WAKEM MacNUTT, b. about 1913, in Houlton, Me., son of James V., b. in Fredericton, N.B., and Violet Jane (Wakem), b. in Greenfield, N.B.; Leslie C. Hill, J.P., officiated.M.R. He is a salesman.

Children (MacNUTT)-

(1)James George, b. 27 Feb. 1939, in Portland, Me.B.R.
(2)Daughter, b. 1944 ("Age 10 years in 1954").

SECTION II - BRONS GENEALOGY



NIELS NISSEN BRONS

(1859 - 1945)

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29.

NIELS NISSEN BRONS, of ELKHORN, IA., and ENUMCLAW, WASH., and DESCENDANTS

29. NIELS[1]NISSEN BRONS, who settled in Elkhorn, Ia., in 1883, and in 1898 removed to Enumclaw, Wash., was born 5 Nov. 1859, in the town and parish of Brøns, Denmark, and baptized ("Niels Nissen Brøns") 11 Nov. 1859, in the parish church at Brøns, first child of Elias Nielsen Bruns(10) and wife Hanna

Marie, nee Hansen, immigrants, who married 13 Nov. 1858(M.R.), in the parish church at Møgeltønder, Tønder County, Denmark.Bapt.R. His Godmother was the miller Jacobsen's wife of Brøns, according to his memoirs (See page 23). He died 22 July 1945, in Solvang, Calif., at the home of his daughter Agnes Brons(201).

Niels Nissen Brons was a grandson of Niels Andersen-Terp(6) and wife Else, nee Jensen Nederby, of the town and parish of Brøns, Denmark, who married 12 Feb 1819(M.R.), in the parish church at Brøns, and a great-grandson of Anders Madsen(1) and wife El, nee Lauritsen, of the village of Terp, Bramming Parish, Gørding District, Ribe County, Denmark, who married 30 Oct. 1770(M.R.), in the parish church at Bramming.Land.V.

He came to the U. S. with his parents and brother Hans Nissen Brons(32), from Abild, Denmark, disembarking at Portland, Me., 21 Feb. 1872, where the family was met at the pier by Mads Nielsen Bruns(13), brother of Elias the father. The family resided at Brøns, Gallehus, Tønder and Abild, Denmark, and Portland, Me.; after the father's death at Clinton, Iowa. He was naturalized 23 Mar. 1883, in Clinton.

The father ("Elias N. Bruns") died at Portland, Me., 22 June 1872, a few months after his settlement there. The mother, Hanna Marie, nee Hansen, left with the two small sons---12-year-old Niels and the infant Hans---married secondly, shortly after Christmas in 1874 at Portland, Mikkel Jensen. In Nov. 1876, Mikkel Jensen moved the family to Clinton, Ia., where during the following summer (1877), Hanna Marie (Hansen) Bruns Jensen the mother, died. Mikkel Jensen married again and in 1879 moved to Ringsted, Ia., taking Elias' son Hans with him. In 1884, Niels Nissen Brons went to Ringsted for his brother Hans and brought him back to live with him and his family on his farm at Elkhorn, Ia., where the former meanwhile had settled.

Elias Nielsen Bruns(10) the father, had Anglicized his surname (Bruns) on immigrating to the U. S. as had others of the Brøns families before him. And school, church and Scandinavian Mission records, as well as immigration lists, will also no doubt show that the sons of Elias were called "Bruns" prior to their widowed mother's second marriage at Portland, Me. But when the sons left their step-parents' home to found for themselves, perhaps sooner, they took the variation "Brons" since used by the descendants of Niels Nissen Brons(29); Hans Nissen Brons(32) his brother, has no issue. It is they and the descendants of the former only that are enumerated in this section.

Following the death of the father at Portland, Me., Niels then a lad 12-1/2 years of age faced with great responsibilities in consequence of his father's death, left school and went to work in a shoe factory to help support the family. When the stepfather moved the family to Clinton, Ia., Niels continued to live at home, but following his mother's death the stepfather having married again and moved to Ringsted, Ia., Niels stayed on in Clinton until 1883 when he bought and settled on a farm at Elkhorn, Ia.

In Elkhorn, Ia., 5 Nov. 1883, Niels Nissen Brons, The Immigrant, married IDA CONSTANCE BOYSEN,* born 13 Sept. 1865, in Chicago, Ill., daughter of Paul Nielsen Boysen and wife Adriane, nee Petersen, immigrants. She bore him 13 children, all living today; died 19 Jan. 1919, in Enumclaw, Wash.

Nine children were born to Niels Nissen Brons and wife Ida Constance, nee Boysen, at Elkhorn, Ia. In September of 1898, he moved his family to Enumclaw, Wash., 40-miles from Seattle, where he settled on a farm and where four more children were born to them. It is recalled by the older descendants that James and Frank Brodersen, cousins (sons of Metta Lena (Bruns) Brodersen(14), of Herman, Nebr.), visited the family there in 1911.

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*Here the Brons genealogy connects through Niels Nissen Brons(29) above, with the Boysen genealogy at Ida Constance Boysen, which see for her background and lineage.

At the time of his wife's death in 1919, Niels Nissen Brons, then Treasurer of the Farmer's Mutual Insurance Co., at Enumclaw, Wash., a position of trust and responsibility which his qualities as a man, citizen and farmer had earned for him in 1900, stayed on there until 1935 when he moved to Solvang, Calif., to live at the home of his daughter. There he died almost 86-years old.

The Brons family may well be proud of its American ancestor who under adversity made good and raised his children to a condition better than his own. It is difficult to realize with what thoughts Niels, the 12-year old immigrant boy, contemplated the new life and its adventures when in company with his parents and infant brother he disembarked at Portland, Me. But any feeling of enthusiasm he then had had for the new life must have become one of discouragement six months later when the first catastrophe befell the family as it suffered the loss of the father, who had risked his fortune and the future of his sons upon life in the U. S. A sad experience so early in the life of the family. In spite of this calamity and the disheartening loss of the mother five years later, he went on to become a successful and respected farmer, and prominent in his community. On the occasion of his retirement from active life he himself must have felt a just pride in his accomplishments.

In 1923/24 Niels Nissen Brons, accompanied by his daughter Agnes, visited Denmark, the land of his birth. His memoirs, entitled "The Life of An Ordinary Man" and now in the possession of the daughter Agnes, provided considerable genealogical material, some based upon tradition proving to be only partly true, but in general confirming that earlier stated by Niels Andersen Nielsen Bruns(15) in 1920.

The posterity of Niels Nissen Brons(29) and wife Ida Constance, nee Boysen, is represented by the descendants of the 13 children listed immediately following. His line is well-assured.

Children (Brons) born in Elkhorn, Ia., and Enumclaw, Wash.-

(First 9 born in Elkhorn)

199. i MARIE ADRIANE,[2] b. 23 Aug. 1884; m. Wednesday, 24 Nov. 1915, in the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church, at Enumclaw, Wash., LARS ERNST LARSEN, widower with two children, b. 10 Apr. 1874, in Estrup, Ringsted Parish, Denmark, only son (youngest of 4 children) of Niels and Krestine; the latter d. on Easter morning, 20 Apr. 1924; Rev. K. Knudsen, officiated. He, a farrier, retired Oct. 1952. His 1st wife, Meta Jacobsen, d. 3 Oct. 1914. Living in Seattle, Wash. We are indebted to Mrs. Marie Adriane Larsen for her family's history; much of the Boysen genealogy; and notices on other members of the Brons families.

Children (LARSEN) by first wife, Meta, born in Seattle, Wash.-

(1)Henry, b. 12 July 1903. Formerly a Supt. of Schools, now the Assistant Manager of the Seattle Shopping News. He m., 6 Aug. 1927, in Seattle, Wash., Desda Evelyn Skaer, only daughter and second youngest child of (4 children) George and Bertha Adeline (Winant) Skaer, school teacher.

Child (Larsen)-

(I)SALLY ANN, b. 14 Sept. 1937, adopted; a Senior in Issaquah High School '54-'55. Member Order of Rainbow; Elective office of Hope; Yell Leader; studied piano and singing. She m. William E. Smith, b. about 1935.

Child (Smith)-

(A)Sherrill Ann, b. 31 Mar. 1955.

(2)Elenore Marien Annette, b. 12 May 1905. Taught Sunday School for a number of years; was assistant church organist and P.T.A. President. She m., 30 June 1925, in Seattle, Wash., Jacob Nielsen, youngest of 10 children, son of Mads Peter and Ingerborg (Gejl) Nielsen, b. 19 June 1896, in Hviding, Denmark. He is Proprietor of the River View Farms and Dairy Plant, in Renton, Wash.

Children (Nielsen) born in Seattle, Wash.-

(I)RAYMOND, b. 8 Apr. 1926. A bookkeeper and route manager for the River View Dairy Plant. He m., 15 Apr. 1950, in Seahurst, Wash., Elsie Bevilacqua, second oldest of a family of 4 children, daughter of Andrea and Elbina Bevilacqua, b. 7 Mar. 1930, in Seattle, Wash., Cashier for the Griffin Fuel Co. He retired in Oct. 1953.

Children (Nielsen) born in Seattle, Wash.-

(A)Janice Rae, b. 10 Jan. 1954.

(B)Stephen Michael, b. 26 Feb. 1955.

(II)RICHARD, b. 27 Feb. 1930. In the Army since Mar. '51; left for Korea, 20 Aug. 1952; also served in the USMC.

(III)MARGARET, a Junior at Renton High School '54-'55. First Flutist with the school orchestra, school band and the Youth Symphony Orchestra. Member, Order of Rainbow.

Child (LARSEN) by second wife, Marie, born in Seattle, Wash.-

(3)Virginia Marie, b. 7 Nov. 1925. Church Organist and nurse until 1952. She m., 10 Sept. 1948, in Seattle, Wash., Arthur

Howe Petrie, the oldest of 10 children, b. 14 Sept. 1920, in Karruzawa, Japan, the son of Rev. Arthur Petrie, missionary, and Dorothy Irene (Moyle) Petrie, his wife. A research engineer in chemistry; graduated in June '42 with a B. S. degree from the Seattle Pacific College; employed at Boeing's since 1946; an Associate Naval Architect at Puget Sound Navy Yard, July 1942 to July 1944; served, July 1944 to Mar. 1946, in World War II as Electronic Technician.

Children (Petrie) born in Seattle, Wash.-

(I)DAVID ELDON, b. 27 June 1949.
(II)CAROLYN LOUISE, b. 5 Oct. 1950.
(III)MARIANNE IRENE, b. 23 Feb. 1953.
(IV)LAUREN ROBERT, b. 27 Feb. 1956.

200. ii LILY,[2] b. 20 Dec. 1885; m. 5 Oct. 1909, CHRISTIAN HANSEN, b. 5 Oct. 1879, in Copenhagen, Denmark. Living in Kirkland, Wash.

Children (HANSEN)-

(1)Erna Viola, b. 29 Aug. 1910, in Seattle, Wash.; m. 1929, Cornelius Wm. Casey, Jr., b. 29 Mar. 1905, in Seattle.

Children (Casey)-

(I)CORNELIUS WM. III (Neal), b. 11 Dec. 1929, in Seattle, Wash.
(II)GERALDINE SYLVIA, b. 30 Mar. 1933, in Enumclaw, Wash.; m. Carl Eugene Ingram, b. 5 Nov. 1929, in Seattle, Wash.

Children (Ingram)-

(A)Michael Ray, b. 20 Sept. 1950, in Renton, Wash.
(B)Crystal Ellen, b. 20 Aug. 1951, in Renton, Wash.
(C)Ada Marie, b. 22 Mar. 1953, in Vancouver, Wash.
(D)Nancy Lee, b. 21 June 1954, in Everett, Wash.
(E)Gerrie Lynn, b. 26 June 1955, in Sacramento, Calif.

(2)Elmer Emil, b. 26 Feb. 1913; m. Margaret Jeanet ( ); killed in an accident, 20 Jan. 1941.

Children (Hansen)-

(I)LILY JEANET, b. 14 Sept. 1939.
(II)ELMER EMIL JR., b. 21 Feb. 1941; d. 13 Dec. 1947.

201. iii AGNES,[2] b. 15 Aug. 1887. From 1911 to 1953, taught Parochial schools, Folk high schools, and Nursery schools; now teaching remedial reading. Living in Solvang, Calif.; unm.

We are indebted to Miss Agnes Brons for the collection of the entire Brons family records, soo full and accurate, arranged in proper form. Others of the family contributing through her efforts. Especially, however, are we indebted to her for her time and correspondence in translating documentary letters from Denmark. She also contributed information from her father's memoirs ---an article written in Danish, entitled, The Life of An Ordinary Man, which corroborated much of the Bruns-Brons family history earlier provided by Niels A. N. Bruns(15), and added additional information.

202. iv AMANDA BEATE,[2] b. 31 Jan. 1889; m. (1st) 27 Apr. 1913, VICTOR NELSON, b. 18 Mar. 1891, in Varde, Denmark, who d. 25 Apr. 1920, in Seattle, Wash.

She m. (2d) 12 Jan. 1926, JENS PEDER WALDEMAR ANDERSEN, b. 26 Feb. 1875, in Denmark, d. 21 Dec. 1928, in Enumclaw, Wash. She is living with her daughter Elenore. There is no issue by the 2d husband.

Children (NELSON) by 1st husband-

(1)Harvey Sigfred, b. 22 Sept. 1915, in Seattle, Wash.; m. (1st) 21 Nov. 1940, Irma Marianne Forsberg, b. 8 Apr. 1919, in Carnation, Wash.; resided in Bremerton, Wash. Their marriage ended in divorce; she remarried. He is to m. (2d) 11 Mar. 1956, a widow with a 14-year-old son.

Children (Nelson), by 1st wife, Irma-

(I)HARVEY GLENN, b. 29 Aug. 1941, in Anchorage, Alaska.

(II)NANCY JEAN, b. 3 Oct. 1944, in Seattle, Wash.

(2)Elenore Marjorie, b. 20 Aug. 1917, in Tacoma, Wash.; m. 19 Feb. 1938, Donald Gilbert McIntosh, b. 10 Mar. 1916, in Calgary, Cda. Living in Okanogan, Wash.

Children (McIntosh)-

(I)ROBERT DUNCAN, b. 16 May 1940, in Seattle, Wash.

(II)CLAIRE LYNN, b. 21 Oct. 1941, in Seattle, Wash.

(III)GORDON VICTOR, b. 13 Aug. 1948, in Okanogan, Wash.

(3)Bernice Lorayne, b. 25 Dec. 1919, in Seattle, Wash.; m. 21 Mar. 1941, Carol Dee Smith, b. 16 Sept. 1918, in Santa Barbara, Calif. Living in Belmont, Calif.

Children (Smith)-

(I)BARBARA DEE, b. 23 Dec. 1941, in Cheyenne, Wyo.

(II)DAVID CAROL, b. (twin) 10 Mar. 1948, in San Mateo, Calif.

(III)PATRICIA ANN, b. (twin) 10 Mar. 1948, in San Mateo, Calif.

#203. v PAUL ELIAS,[2] b. 1 June 1890.

204. vi ALMA ALFRIDA,[2] b. 16 Mar. 1892; m. 7 Nov. 1920, JOHN OLSEN GRAVESGAARD, b. 19 Jan. 1894, in Stadil, Denmark. Living in Mentone, Calif., where they moved to in 1945. Her hobby: "Story Book Dolls."

Children (GRAVESGAARD)-

(1)Constance Lorraine, b. 3 May 1922, in Bellingham, Wash.; m. 10 June 1942, Karl Edward Knudsen, b. 30 Mar. 1919, in Buelton, Calif. Living in Mentone, Calif.

Children (Knudsen)-

(I)SHIRLEY ANN, b. 16 Sept. 1944, in San Bernardino, Calif.

(II)KAROL LEE, b. 21 Feb. 1947, in Redlands, Calif.

(2)John LeRoy, b. 5 July 1923, in Enumclaw, Wash.; m. 18 Aug. 1952, Irene Cessne Brown, b. 9 Aug. 1927, in Parsons, Kas. Living in Sweet Home, Ore.

Child (Gravesgaard)-

(1)CLARENE (Suzy), b. (Brown) 9 May 1946, in Parsons, Kas., adopted by John LeRoy Gravesgaard.

(3)Alice LaVerne, b. 10 Dec. 1924, in Enumclaw, Wash.; d. there 15 June 1925.

(4)Ruth LaVerne, b. 16 Sept. 1928, in Enumclaw, Wash.; m. 23 Aug. 1947, Robert Fischer Nearhood, b. 24 July 1926, in Buckley, Wash. Living at Buckley.

Children (Nearhood)-

(I)KAREN LEE, b. 17 Aug. 1948, in Buckley, Wash.

(II)KATHY ANN, b. 11 Oct. 1949, in Enumclaw, Wash.

(III)KARLA JEAN, b. 8 Jan. 1951, in Seattle, Wash.

(IV)CONNIE SUE, b. 4 Sept. 1953, in Enumclaw, Wash.

(5)Rosamond Shirley Elaine, b. 21 June 1932, in Enumclaw, Wash. Resided in Colma, Calif. She m. 23 Dec. 1955, John Marshall Carte; living in Millbrae, Calif.

205. vii OTTO FREDERICK,[2] b. 13 May 1893; living in Seattle, Wash.; unm.

206. viii IDA CONSTANCE,[2] b. 19 Feb. 1895; m. 22 Nov. 1914, JOHN HALSE, b. 24 Aug. 1887, in Skive, Denmark. Living in Seattle, Wash.

Children (HALSE)-
(1)Ernst Martinius, b. 1 Feb. 1916, in Seattle, Wash.; unm.
(2)Allen Niels, b. 29 Sept. 1917, in Seattle, Wash.; m. 15 Nov. 1941, Vera Nelson, b. 6 Jan. 1918, in Candel, Alaska.
Children (Halse)-
(I)JOHN ALLEN, b. 27 Sept. 1943, in Seattle, Wash.
(II)THOMAS BYRON, b. 27 Sept. 1945, in Seattle, Wash.
(III)ANNE CONSTANCE, b. 11 Aug. 1948, in Seattle, Wash.

207. ix ANNE ELENORE,[2] b. 13 July 1897; m. 30 May 1920, VIGGO THORWALD PEDERSEN, b. 29 Nov. 1887, in Hee, Denmark. Living in Enumclaw, Wash.
Children (PEDERSEN)-
(1)Norman Milton, b. 2 Mar. 1921, in Bremerton, Wash.; m. 10 Aug. 1951, Thelma Marie Gore, b. 15 Feb. 1924, in Williamsburg, Va. Living at Portsmouth, Va. He separated from the Reserves 8 Feb. 1954, as a captain.
Child (Pedersen)-
(I)NORMAN MILTON JR., b. 27 Apr. 1952, in Williamsburg, Va.
(2)Virginia Nadine, b. 5 June 1923, in Bremerton, Wash.; m. E. H. Bartlett (while he was in service), later divorced.
Child (Bartlett)-
(I)ELEANORE GAE, b. 23 June 1945, in Bremerton, Wash.
(3)Bettye Esther, b. 21 July 1929, in Bremerton, Wash.; m. 18 Jan. 1947, Gale LeRoy Mohn, b. 16 Apr. 1929, of Enumclaw, Wash. Living in Ellensburg, Wash.
Children (Mohn)-
(I)LINDA SUE, b. 18 Aug. 1948, in Auburn, Wash.
(II)PATRICIA ANN, b. 29 May 1950, in Enumclaw, Wash.
(III)GLENN MICHIAL, b. 6 July 1951, in Enumclaw, Wash.
(IV)JULIE ESTHER, b. 16 Oct. 1955, in Seattle, Wash.
(4)Agnes Cecelia, b. 5 Nov. 1931, in Bremerton, Wash.; m. 5 Jan. 1951, William Francis Breitzman, b. 29 July 1924. Living in Seattle, Wash.
Children (Breitzman) born in Seattle, Wash.-
(I)MICHAEL DAVID, b. 21 Feb. 1952.
(II)DENISE ELENORE, b. 9 Jan. 1956.

(Last 4 born in Enumclaw)

208. x HILDA CAROLINE,[2] b. 20 May 1900; m. (1st) 25 Feb. 1922, FRED SCHMIDT-NIELSEN, b. 14 Nov. 1889, in Esbjerg, Denmark, d. 27 Feb. 1935, in Seattle, Wash.
She m. (2d) 28 Sept. 1936, VERNER ELDEN HOPKE, b. 12 Mar. 1909, in Sedro Woolley, Wash. Living in Sedro Woolley. No issue by the 2d husband.
Children (SCHMIDT-NIELSEN) by 1st husband-
(1)Evelyn Laraine, b. 15 May 1923, in Calif.; m. Earl Kenith Person, b. July 1920, in Nebr. Living in Sequim, Wash.
Children (Person)-
(I)CHERYL KAY, b. 31 Jan. 1944, in Sedro Woolley, Wash.
(II)JUDITH KAREN, b. 21 Nov. 1947, in Enumclaw, Wash.
(III)SUSAN DIANE, b. 3 Feb. 1951, in Enumclaw, Wash.
(IV)JOAN IRENE, b. 24 May 1954, in Sequim, Wash.

(2)Phyllis Geraldine, b. 22 Sept. 1926, in Seattle, Wash.; m. 20 Dec. 1947, Jack Sinclair, b. 13 Aug. 1920, in Sedro Woolley, Wash.

Child (Sinclair)-

(I)GREGORY LEE, b. 8 June 1950, in Enumclaw, Wash.

#209. xi HERBERT LUDWIG,[2] b. 10 Dec. 1902.

210. xii ESTHER OLIVIA,[2] b. 17 Apr. 1905; m. 23 Nov. 1936, JAMES BEN PAGLIOTTI, b. 28 Dec. 1891, in Montecito, Calif., who d. 11 Sept. 1952, in Montecito; his parents from Lombardy, Italy. She is living in Santa Barbara, Calif.

Child (PAGLIOTTI)-

(1)James Daniel, b. 22 Mar. 1938, in Santa Barbara, Calif., a Senior in Santa Barbara High School, '54.

211. xiii ROSAMOND ADELE,[2] b. 3 Oct. 1907; m. 3 June 1928, EINER JOHNSEN, b. 13 Nov. 1901, in Ansager, Denmark. Living in Solvang, Calif. No issue.

Second Generation

203.

203. PAUL[2]ELIAS BRONS (Niels[1]), eldest son of Niels Nissen Brons(29), immigrant, and his wife, Ida Constance, nee Boysen, born 1 June 1890, in Elkhorn, Ia. Reared in Elkhorn and in Enumclaw, Wash.

He married, 31 Oct. 1915, in Coule City, Wash., OLGA HANSEN, born 10 May 1892, in Vesterborg, Lolland, Denmark. Living in Seattle, Wash.

Children (Brons) born in Enumclaw and Seattle, Wash.-

#212. i ALVIN RILEY,[3] b. 1 Sept. 1916, in Enumclaw, Wash.

213. ii GLADYS IDA,[3] b. 12 July 1918, in Enumclaw, Wash.; m. (1st) 24 Nov. 1941, ALBERT VERNON KNOWLES, b. 11 Oct. 1908, in Iowa, d. 25 Sept. 1954, at Lake Stevens, Wash.

She m. (2d) WALTER O'GRADY, widower, brother-in-law to Alvin Riley Brons(212) above, who has an adopted son. Living in Lake Stevens, Wash.

Children (KNOWLES) by 1st husband-

(1)Richard Alfred, b. 14 June 1942, in Seattle, Wash.; adopted, 2 years old.

(2)Ronald John, b. 25 Mar. 1953, in Monroe, Wash.

#214. iii RICHARD JENS,[3] b. 24 Mar. 1920, in Enumclaw, Wash.

215. iv ANITA MARIE,[3] b. 7 Sept. 1921, in Enumclaw, Wash.; m. 22 Apr. 1942, ROBERT RICHARD MILEY, b. 22 Apr. 1920, in S. C.; divorced.

Child (MILEY)-

(1)Paul Richard, b. 29 Jan. 1943, in Seattle, Wash.; reared by the maternal grandparents.

#216. v KENNETH NIELS,[3] b. 21 Dec. 1922, in Enumclaw, Wash.

217. vi MARY JANE,[3] b. 23 Jan. 1926, in Seattle, Wash.; m. (1st) 17 Apr. 1942, ROY DOLES, killed in action two months later; m. (2d) 16 Sept. 1943, ROY MILLS BOUMANN, b. 10 May 1922, in Texas, a flight engineer, T/Sgt. in the Air Force, formerly stationed at Tacoma, Wash., now stationed at Travis A. F. Base, Calif.
Children (BOUMANN) by 2d husband-
(1)Kenneth Roy, b. 26 Dec. 1947, in Vallejo, Calif.
(2)Raymond Allen, b. 16 Mar. 1955.

218. vii PAULINE EMMA,[3] b. 20 Apr. 1929, in Seattle, Wash.; m. 4 Nov. 1950, ALFRED LAWRENCE OVERLEY, b. 14 Dec. 1929, in Calif., Veteran of World II, now completing schooling as a machinist ('54).
Child (OVERLEY)-
(1)Melvin Alfred, b. 10 Sept. 1952, in Seattle, Wash.

209.

209. HERBERT[2]LUDWIG BRONS (Niels[1]), youngest son of Niels Nissen Brons (29), immigrant, and his wife, Ida Constance, nee Boysen, born 10 Dec. 1902, in Enumclaw, Wash.; reared there. (Said to be moving to Santa Rosa, Calif.)

He married, 11 Feb. 1925, OPHELIA OHMAN, b. 27 Oct. 1905, in Seattle, Wash., her parents born in Sweden. Living in Enumclaw, Wash.

Children (Brons)born in Enumclaw, Wash.-

#219. i GORDON HERBERT,[3] b. 8 Jan. 1929.
#220. ii HOWARD GLENN,[3] b. 30 June 1930.
221. iii MARVIN ARNOLD,[3] b. 18 Mar. 1935; joined the National Guard in Mar. 1953; now Airman 2d Class - Business Administration. He m. 18 Dec. 1955, KAY LORRAINE MORRIS, b. 30 Sept. 1938, her mother Marjorie m. (2d) -------Hastings.
222. iv LARRY RAY,[3] b. 17 Mar. 1942; student.

Third Generation

212.

212. ALVIN[3]RILEY BRONS (Paul,[2] Niels[1]), elder son of Paul Elias Brons(203) and wife Olga, nee Hansen, born 1 Sept. 1916, in Enumclaw, Wash. A cabinet-maker in Seattle, Wash.

He married, first, 1 Sept. 1938, RUTH DAVIS; divorced. He married secondly, 15 June 1949, MARGARITE CHARMAGNE DUNBAR, b. 10 May 1917, in Arlington, Wash.,

her second marriage (See #213).

Child (Brons) by first wife, Ruth, born in Seattle, Wash.-

223. i GLORIA ANN,[4] b. 17 Aug. 1942; reared by her maternal grandparents.

Children (Brons) by second wife, Margarite, born in Seattle-

224. ii LINDA KAREN,[4] b. 15 May 1950.
225. iii ALVIN RILEY JR.,[4] b. 6 June 1951.

Children (Brons) adopted progeny of second wife, Margarite, by her former marriage, born in Seattle-

226. iv SUSAN LINDA,[4] b. 12 Apr. 1942.
227. v JOHN DUNBAR,[4] b. 14 Mar. 1944.
228. vi JIMMY MICHELE,[4] b. 14 Oct. 1946.

214.

214. RICHARD[3] JENS BRONS (Paul,[2] Niels[1]), second son of Paul Elias Brons (203) and wife Olga, nee Hansen, born 24 Mar. 1920, in Enumclaw, Wash. He was in the Navy for 6 years; now a fireman at Seattle, Wash.

He married, 1 Jan. 1945, DORA ANN PETERSEN, born 19 Mar. 1920, in Seattle, Wash., her parents born in Denmark.

Children (Brons) born in Seattle, Wash.-

229. i HANS CHRISTIAN,[4] b. 28 Apr. 1951.
230. ii YENSEEN LORRAINE,[4] b. 9 Mar. 1954.

216.

216. KENNETH[3] NIELS BRONS (Paul,[2] Niels[1]), youngest son of Paul Elias Brons (203) and wife Olga, nee Hansen, born 21 Dec. 1922, in Enumclaw, Wash. He was awarded the Silver Star and Purple Cross for bravery in World War II.

He married, 12 July 1947, ELSIE GROF, of German descent, born 27 Feb. 1927, in North Dakota.

Children (Brons) born in Seattle, Wash.-

231. i JUDY ANN,[4] b. 17 Aug. 1950.
232. ii JERRY RANNAE,[4] b. 7 May 1952.
233. iii ROY NIELS,[4] b. 26 June 1953.

219.

219. GORDON[3]HERBERT BRONS (Herbert,[2] Niels[1]), elder son of Herbert Ludwig Brons(209) and wife, Ophelia, nee Ohman, born 8 Jan. 1929, in Enumclaw, Wash. A Staff Sergeant in the Air Force (Business Administration); while in Tokyo, Japan, he won a medal for meritorious service as Chief Clerk in the personnel division, where he devised administration procedures that greatly improved the over-all efficiency of the branch and his method is said to be still in use; won six trophies for the Air Force in Tokyo in baseball and football.

He married JEAN HAGEL, born 1 June 1926, in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Child (Brons)-

234. i RICHARD,[4] b. 1946, adopted.

220.

220. HOWARD[3]GLENN BRONS (Herbert,[2] Niels[1]), second son of Herbert Ludwig Brons(209) and wife Ophelia, nee Ohman, born 30 June 1930, in Enumclaw, Wash.

He married, 5 Dec. 1953, DORIS BOUMAN, born 28 May 1931, in Nashville, Tenn. He played baseball for the Air Force in Tenn. and other Southern States; an Airman 1st Class - Radio Technician.

Children (Brons) born in Nashville, Tenn.-

235. i HOWARD GLENN JR.,[4] b. 22 Oct. 1954.
236. ii JANIS GALE, b. 10 Dec. 1955.

32.

HANS NISSEN BRONS, of ELKHORN, IA., FALMOUTH, ME., and SOLVANG, CALIF.

32. HANS[1]NISSEN NIELSEN BRONS, (Hans Nissen Brons), resident of Solvang, Calif., who came to Portland, Me., 21 Feb. 1872, with his parents and brother Niels(29), from Denmark, was born in the town of Abild, Tønder County, Denmark, 25 Jan. 1871, and baptized "Hans Nissen Nielsen", the youngest child of Elias Nielsen Bruns("Elias Nielsen")(10) and wife Hanna Marie("Anna Marie"), nee Hansen, who married 13 Nov. 1858(M.R.), in the parish church at Møgeltønder, Tønder County, Denmark.Land.A. He resided also in Clinton, Ringsted and Elkhorn, Ia., and in Chicago, Ill., Falmouth, Me., and Enumclaw, Wash., and was naturalized 30 Oct. 1893, at Audubon, Ia. A farmer; carpenter since 1927, he retired in 1944.

He is a grandson of Niels Andersen-Terp(6) and wife Else, nee Jensen Nederby, of the town and parish of Brøns, Denmark, who married 12 Feb. 1819(M.R.), in the parish church at Brøns, and a great-grandson of Anders Madsen(1) and wife El, nee Lauritsen, of the village of Terp, Bramming Parish, Gørding District, Ribe County, Denmark, who married 30 Oct. 1770(M.R.), in the church at Bramming.Land.V.

Hans Nissen Brons, The Immigrant, now living at Solvang, Calif., is the oldest living member of all the Bruns and Brons families, and one of three now living who were born in "The Old Country." He is also one of only three who were born in the area now known as Danish North Schleswig, after it was taken by Prussia and Austria in 1864; one of two after it was annexed to Prussia. His parents and their family resided in Brøns, Gallehus, Tønder, and Abild, Denmark, and Portland, Me.; also Clinton, Ia., after the death of the father ("Elias N. Bruns") who died at Portland, Me., 22 June 1872(D.R.), a few months after the family's settlement there, while Hans Nissen Brons was

yet an infant. The mother, Hanna Marie (Hansen) Bruns, married secondly, at Portland, Me., shortly after Xmas in 1874, Mikkel Jensen, who in Nov. 1876, moved the family to Clinton, Ia., where during the following summer (1877), Hanna Marie (Hansen) Bruns Jensen, the mother, died. Mikkel Jensen married again and in 1879 moved to Ringsted, Ia., taking Hans with him. But Niels Nissen Brons(29), the brother, stayed on in Clinton until 1883 when he bought and settled on a farm in Elkhorn, Ia., and in 1884 went to Ringsted for Hans and brought him back with him to live on the farm at Elkhorn.

In 1891, Hans Nissen Brons went to Chicago, Ill.. There, on 5 June 1895, he married (first) ELLA MARIE LAUSEN, born 20 May 1869, in Kolding, Denmark, who came to the U. S. when 16-years old, died 12 June 1913, in Enumclaw, Wash., to where Hans had moved to be near his brother Niels. There was no issue by this union. He moved to Enumclaw in 1907.

At Portland, Me., 20 Sept. 1916, Hans Nissen Brons married, secondly, JOANNE DOROTHE ANDERSEN, of Falmouth, Me., born 13 July 1871, near Copenhagen, Denmark, came to the U. S. when 3-years old, died 3 July 1938, at Portland, Me. Resided at Falmouth, Me.; no issue.

On 13 Dec. 1942, in Solvang, Calif., to where Hans had earlier moved to be near his brother Niels who died there, Hans Nissen Brons married, thirdly, MARIE CHRISTINE KING, nee Bruns, his cousin, born 19 Mar. (19 May F.R.) 1891, in Portland, Me.(B.R.), daughter of Anders Nielsen Bruns(23) and wife Hannah Maria, nee Gregor (Grygaard), who married at Portland, Me., 11 Oct. 1889; her second marriage. No issue by this union. She is Librarian of the Solvang Branch of the Santa Barbara, Calif., Public Library. For her background and descendants, see under her consecutive number (136), page 104. Hans Nissen Brons(32), has no issue by either marriage. He moved to Solvang in 1939.

See his brother Niels' history, page 135, regarding his surname.

SECTION III

PERSONS NAMED BRUNS and BRØNS NOT PLACED

Surname Bruns

237. HELEN MARIE BRUNS, m. age 18, in Portland, Me., DONALD WESTON KINGSTON CURRIER, age 19, born in Portland, Me., son of Harold W. Currier and Grace (Kingston) Currier; born in "Rockland, Me., father: J. Christian Bruns, mother: Alberta F. Sawyer"; Charles L. Cronkhite, Clergyman, officiated.M.R. (Birth record unavailable at Portland or Rockland, Me.; the Town Clerk of Casco, Me. advised looking for it at South Portland, Me., which would require considerable personal research). This marriage ended in divorce. There was one child, Janelle, now about 11-years old (1954). He is listed as in USAAC, living in Portland, 1946.
It is understood she m. (2d) -------Woodworth, by whom there is said to be two children. She was living at North Windham, Me., caring for Jens Christian Bruns(35), an invalid, (1954), until recently, when he was placed in a nursing home. She informed the compiler that she had not been adopted by Jens Christian Bruns and wife Alberta; it is understood she was reared by them.

238. ELIZABETH MARY BRUNS, b. 9 Mar. 1919, at Portland, Me.

239. HAROLD O. BRUNS, listed in 1954 Portland, Me., Directory.

240. JAMES BRUNS (Louisa), listed in 1954 Portland, Me., Directory.

241. PETER BRUNS (Lillian), listed in 1946 Portland, Me., Directory.

242. CHESTER BRUNS, met by Robert Bailey Bruns(59), fellow Marine, who later informed his father that the former, from Arkansas, said he was descended from one of three brothers who came to the U. S. together from Denmark.

(Note: The Assistant Librarian of the New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston, Mass., informed the compiler there are several references to Bruns and none to Brons, in the consolidated index to the first fifty volumes of the REGISTER, and in the American Genealogical Index there is reference to two, one to Lillian in the Foote Genealogy and the other to Martha in Woodstock, Conn., volume 6.)

Surname Brøns

243. MARIA KIRSTINE BRØNS, b. 19 Apr. 1816, daughter of Hans Christian Boyesen and Hanna, Raskes daughter, Huusfolk (Cottagers), from Bondestand (peasantry) in Brøns, Denmark.Mall. (Record in the parish church register at Brøns, Denmark.)

244. KIESTEN BRØNS, b. 16 May 1823, daughter of Hans Christian Boysen and Hanna, Rasks daughter, Inderster (undertenants) from Bondestand (peasantry) in Brøns, Denmark. She went to Skærbæk, 19

Apr. 1839.Mall. (Record in the parish church register at Brøns, Denmark.)

245. CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN BRØNS, arrived in Brøns Parish, Denmark, 1833, from Medolden (Mjolden) Parish; he was then 22-years old. He died as gaardmand (freeholder, farmer) in Astrup, 5 June 1857;
246. b. in Medolden, son of Anders Brøns there. He was then 47 (?) years old. He was married to Mette Catharine Andersen. They had the following children (who they did not always call Brøns):

247. i NIS JENSEN ANDERSEN, b. 13 Aug. 1834.
248. ii ANNA ANDERSEN, b. 27 Mar. 1836.
249. iii MAREN ANDERSEN, b. 17 May 1841; d. 2 Mar. 1842.
250. iv HENRIK ANDERSEN, b. 25 Dec. 1842.
251. v NICOLAI MARCUSSEN ANDERSEN, b. 9 Apr. 1845; d. 22 Mar. 1846.
252. vi NICOLAI MARCUSSEN ANDERSEN, b. 21 Dec. 1846.
253. vii MAREN ANDERSEN, b. 23 Sept. 1849.

(Note- The parents in every case called "Gaardfolk (freeholders, farmers) in Astrup," but not always "Brøns."Mall. - Records in the parish church register at Brøns, Denmark.)

KAREN SOPHIE (ANDERSEN) BRUNS

(1851 - 1895)

ANDERS PEDERSEN, OF SKULDELEV AND GAMLØSE, SEELAND, DENMARK, AND SOME OF HIS DESCENDANTS (ANDERSEN) IN DENMARK AND AMERICA

(The children of Anders Pedersen were given the surname Andersen, formed of the father's Christian name with the patronymic ending -sen. Connects with the Bruns genealogy. Includes related Johnson and Rosenblad families.)

ANDERS PEDERSEN and wife Ane Sofie, nee Olsen ("Olsdatter"), resided in the village of Skuldelev (Skuldelev - Selsø Pastorat pr. Krogstrup), Horns District, Frederiksborg County, Seeland (Sjælland), Denmark, where he was a farm-

er.Land.C. He was born 4 Apr. 1815, in the village of Skuldelev; baptized first at home same day, in the church at Skuldelev 28 May 1815, son of Gaardmand (farmer) Peder Hansen and wife Ane Sørensdatter (nee Sørensen).Bapt.R. He was confirmed 26 Apr. 1829, in the church at Skuldelev.Andr.

At the baptism of four of his children there was a Frederik Pedersen, a smith in Skuldelev, who could suffice as a brother to Anders Pedersen! This Frederik Pedersen's grandson, also named Frederik Pedersen, now lives in the village of Skuldelev, but he can not impart any information about his "old family"; he is also a smith and trades in farm machinery. And on 6 Sept. 1858 (6 Sept. 1859.Kolp.), Anna Andersen, eldest daughter of Anders Pedersen, returned to Skuldelev from Ourø---to where the family removed in 1856---to be a servant for farmer Søren Hansen; in all probability her father's Father.Andr.

At the baptism of five of the children, one of the godfathers was one Ole Olsen, farmer in Skuldelev, who could suffice as the father or a brother to Ane Sofie Pedersen, nee Olsen, who was born in 1813.Andr.

The churchbooks at Ourø, pr. Holbæk, state that the couple were married in Herslev (at the southern end of Roskilde Fjord), but the date is not given.Kolp.

On 20 Sept. 1856, Anders Pedersen moved his family from Skuldelev to the village of Gamløse, on the Isle of Ourø, in Isefjord, next to Horns District (arriving there 6 Oct. 1856.Kolp.). At this time, he is stated as 41 years old and his wife as 43 years old. The eight unconfirmed children with them, listed below, are stated in the order of their listing, as: 14 years old; 12-1/2 years old; 10-1/2 years old; 8-3/4 years old; 7-1/2 years old; 5-1/4 years old; 3-1/4 years old; and 2 months old, respectively.Andr.("Leaving-list at Skuldelev").

The family left Ourø and returned to Skuldelev in 1860 or before, for at the confirmation of Mariane Andersen in 1860, the parents are stated as living

in Skuldelev; obviously she was a maid in Ourø during the time of her confirmation.Kolp. Only the first three children were confirmed at Ourø.Andr.; Kolp. and Lands.C.

It is said his wife took the children and left him; the girls going to work at an early age. The only known photograph of him was made at "Christianhavn." His posterity is represented by the descendants of the eight children hereafter listed, several of whom emigrated to the U. S.

Children of Anders Pedersen and wife, Ane; all born and baptized in Skuldelev, Denmark

(Surname Andersen)

i HANS ANDERSEN, b. 12 Sept. 1842, bapt. 25 Nov. 1842 in the church at Skuldelev.Bapt.R. & Lands.C. Conf. 1857 in Ourø; (left Ourø 1 Mar. 1859 and went to Holbæk.Kolp.); settled in Frøslev, Stevns District, Seeland, a farmer there; m. (1st) Johanne Larsen, who d. 24 May 1882, 27 years old; m. (2d) in Frøslev, 20 Oct. 1882, Johanne Marie Jørgensen, from Frøslev, b. 12 Mar. 1859.Land.C.
He was in the army as a young man; visited the U. S. but soon returned to Denmark. There is believed to have been one child by the first union, six by the second, some of whom, it is said, came to the U. S. and settled in or about Chicago, Ill.

ii ANNA ANDERSEN, b. 10 Apr. 1844, bapt. 19 May 1844, in the church at Skuldelev.Bapt.R. & Land.C. Conf. 1858 (1859.Kolp.), in Ourø. Land.C. On 6 Sept. 1858 (6 Sept. 1859.Kolp.), returned to Skuldelev to become a servant for Søren Hansen; in all probability her father's Father.Andr. Said to have m. in Copenhagen, a wooden shoemaker named Niels Nielsen and to have settled there. It is said there were four children. Anna Marie (Bruns) McCann, wife of the compiler, was said by her father to have been named for this aunt.

iii MARIANE ANDERSEN, b. 6 Mar. 1846, bapt. 17 May 1846, in the church at Skuldelev.Bapt.R. & Land.C. Conf. 1860 in Ourø.Land.C. & Kolp. "Obviously she was a maid in Ourø during the time of her confirmation. On 9 Nov. 1860, she left Ourø for Sæby in Horns District, but on 1 Nov. 1861, she returned to Ourø as a maid in the home of the pastors, but the date of her leaving Ourø again is not given.Kolp.
She emigrated to Portland, Me., where on 30 Nov. 1877, she m. Anders Hansen ("Andrew Hanson"), b. in Denmark.M.R. Settled on a farm in Cumberland, Me., where she d. 7 Apr. 1916, aged "70 years 1 month 1 day."D.R. He d. shortly after 1921. The compiler visited their farm occasionally.
Anders Hansen's mother came to Portland, Me., also, and resided on the farm at Cumberland, with her son and family, where she d.

about 1897. And a brother and one or two sisters also came to Portland, where the brother, called "Peter" was the proprietor of a resturant. A sister, called "Ann" m. a Mr. Jacobsen, a musician; resided in Portland, Me., and Boston, Mass.; had two sons, Harry the oldest who d. probably before 1915, became a dentist in Boston, and Walter the youngest, became a musician in Boston. A Mr. Niels Jorgensen, cabinetmaker of Portland, is believed to have been connected with this Hansen family through marriage.

Children (Hanson):

(1)Infant, d.y.

(2)Hans Olaf, may have been called "Robert" by others; a jewelry salesman for some years; in 1917 and probably earlier in life, a marine radio operator; his father last heard from him about that time.

iv ANE MARIE ANDERSEN, b. 7 Nov. 1847, bapt. 21 Mar. 1848, in the church at Skuldelev(Bapt.R. & Land.C.). Emigrated to Portland, Me., escorted by Mariane's son Olaf, above. Resided with her sister on the farm at Cumberland, Me., where the compiler knew her. She n.m. Kept house for her brother-in-law at Cumberland following her sister Mariane's death, until her own health failed, when she moved into Portland, Me., to live at the Danish Sisterhood Home, where she d. about 1931.

v INGER ANDERSEN, b. 24 May 1849, bapt. 18 June 1849, in the church at Skuldelev.Bapt.R. & Land.C. She emigrated to Portland, Me., in 1882, and there m., 18 Nov. 1885, in the home of her sister Karen, Niels Johnson (Niels Jørgensen), son of Jørgen Jensen, b. 1 Jan. 1846, in Denmark, possibly in Ourø. She d. at Scarborough, Me., 4 Apr. 1915, aged "65 years 11 months."D.R. He d. there on 27 Mar. 1927.

They settled on a farm in Scarborough, Me., where he became a respected and successful farmer. The compiler visited their well-kept farm a number of times before and after marriage.

Children (Johnson):

(1)Niels Sophus, b. 31 Jan. 1888, in Portland, Me.; m. Annie Marie Lund, 22 Apr. 1920, b. 3 Feb. 1886, in Portland, Ore., the daughter of Hans Christian Lund and wife Else Christine (Bruns) Lund(26); settled on the Lund farm in Scarborough.

Child (Johnson):

(I)NIELS SOPHUS JR., b. 13 Feb. 1922, in Portland, Me.; m. 28 May 1949, Dorothy Davis of N. H.; reside in South Portland, Me. He is an accountant and Veteran of World War II.

Child (Johnson):

(A)Ronald Niels, b. Oct. 1951.

(2)Annie Dorothea, b. 12 Apr. 1890, in Scarborough, Me.; m. 14 Apr. 1920, in Portland, Me., Lauritz (Laurence) Christian Jensen, b. 5 Jan. 1888, in Saltum, Denmark, who came to Portland, Me., 29 June 1909; living on the farm of her birth in Scarborough.

Child (Jensen):

(I)HELENA MARIE, b. 2 Apr. 1922, in Scarborough, Me.; teacher; unm.

(We are indebted to Mrs. Dorothea Jensen for the Johnson family history and notices on others of the Andersens.)

* vi KAREN SOPHIE ANDERSEN, b. 21 May 1851 (not 13 May 1852), bapt. 3 Aug. 1851, in the church at Skuldelev.Bapt.R. & Land.C. She emigrated to Portland, Me. shortly after 1872, where she m. 1 June 1879, as his 1st wife, Niels Andersen Nielsen Bruns(15), b. 17 Jan. 1851, in Vesterende, Ballum Parish, Denmark.M.R. She d. at Cumberland, Me.---record at Falmouth, Me.---5 Mar. 1895, of consumption.D.R. Her 'old country' photographs were taken, one at Holbæk and several at Roskilde; the latter include the one reproduced in these pages taken while on a visit to Denmark after marriage.

vii PEDER OLUF ANDERSEN (Peter Olaf Anderson), b. 20 May 1853 (not 1854), bapt. 3 Oct. 1853, in the church at Skuldelev.Bapt.R. & Land.C. He m. in Copenhagen, Denmark, Johanna Marie Petersen; emigrated to Portland, Me., in 1886, with wife and two children; a carpenter, served the cabinetmaking trade in Copenhagen; was in the King's Guard as a young man. He d. at Portland, Me., 21 Aug. 1928, aged "75 years 3 months 1 day."D.R. The compiler had a brief acquaintance with him. His line will become extinct with the death of the daughter Mariane, neither of the sons having had issue, but through the daughter Ingerborg there are other descendants to carry on the blood.

Children (Anderson) born in Denmark and the U. S.:

(1)Carl Peter, who was born, 1 May 1880, in Copenhagen; 6 years old when the family came to Portland; m. (1st) Lillian Walsh; m. (2d) Bertha Heatly; d. 18 Feb. 1941, in Portland, Me. No issue.

(2)Ingerborg Rebecca Selma Margote', b. 30 July 1882, in Copenhagen; m. 27 Sept. 1901, Walter Carl Rosenblad, b. 13 Apr. 1880, in Copenhagen, Denmark, painter and interior decorator at Portland, where the couple settled; she d. there 30 Nov. 1945.

Children (Rosenblad):

(I)ALBERT AUGUST ELEANOR', b. 10 Sept. 1902; m. Katherine A. Simonsen, b. 10 May 1906, in Portland, Me., teacher; living at Portland.

Child (Rosenblad):

(A)Joan Alberta, b. 29 Apr. 1932; m. James William Stanton, 22 Aug. 1953; living in South Portland, Me.

Child (Stanton):

(a)Cris James, b. 22 May 1954, in Portland, Me.

(II)RUTH MARIE REBECCA, b. 20 Dec. 1903; nurse; m. George W. Dwinell, b. 1899, d. 1939.

(III)ESTHER JOSEPHINE, b. 1 Nov. 1908; m. James F. White, b. 31 Mar. 1907, salesman; living in Bangor, Me.

Children (White):

(A)Jean Lorraine, b. 10 Apr. 1935.

(B)Leigh James, b. 20 Sept. 1946.

(IV)WILFRED NORMAN CARL, b. 14 Apr. 1913, twin; living at Pride's Corner, Me.; m. Mae Elizabeth Wescott, b. 14 Sept. 1913. No issue.

(V)WILTON JOHN WALTER, b. 14 Apr. 1913, twin; resides in Portland, Me.; m. Beatrice E. Baker, b. 12 May 1913. No issue.

(VI)WALTER CLIFFORD, b. 26 Nov. 1914; painter; m. Charlotte A. Roy, b. 2 Dec. 1915; residing in Portland, Me.

Children (Rosenblad):
(A)Sandra Ruth, b. 29 June 1943.
(B)Denis Roy, b. 20 Oct. 1946.

(3)John Olaf, b. 28 Oct. 1887, in Portland, Me.; d. 29 Aug. 1950; n.m.

(4)Mariane (Jane), b. 22 July 1891, in Portland, Me.; living in Portland, unm. (We are indebted to Miss Jane Anderson for the history of the Peter O. Anderson family.)

(5)Christine Marie, b. 4 Dec. 1893, in Portland, Me.; d. 4 Oct. 1931; n.m.

(6)Ruth, d. 22 Sept. 1897, aged 10 months 8 days.

(7)Anders J., d. 6 Dec. 1901, aged 12 days.

viii ANNE SOFIE ANDERSEN, b. 28 July 1856, bapt. 19 Sept. 1856, in the church at Skuldelev.Bapt.R. & Land.C. She d. at an early age in Denmark, but after the family removed from the village of Gamløse, Ourø, and returned to Skuldelev, for there seems to be no record of her death at Skuldelev prior to the family's going to Gamløse, nor at Ourø while the family lived in that parish.

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*Here the Andersen genealogy connects through Karen Sophie Andersen above, with the Bruns genealogy at Niels A. N. Bruns(15), page 59, which see for their descendants and his background and lineage.

See also the Bruns genealogy at Else Christine (Bruns) Lund(26), page 122, for the lineage and background of Annie Marie (Lund) Johnson, above.

Note- We are indebted to Pastor M. Lomholt Andersen, Skuldelev - Selsø Pastorat pr. Krogstrup, Seeland, Denmark, for certificates and letters documenting most of the information from the Skuldelev churchbooks, and to Pastor Leif Kolpen, Orø pr. Holbæk, Seeland, Denmark, for such information as he was able to furnish from his churchbooks. Especially are we indebted to Pastor Andersen for his time and correspondence spent in collecting and preparing for us so much information from his churchbooks, and his effort to obtain additional information for us from neighboring parishes.

PAUL NIELSEN BOYSEN, of CHICAGO, ILL., and SOME OF HIS DESCENDANTS

PAUL[1]NIELSEN BOYSEN, who came to California in 1851 from Denmark and settled in Chicago, Ill., prior to 1861, was born 27 Sept. 1832, in Møgeltønder, Tønder County, Denmark. He died 14 Jan. 1916, in Enumclaw, Wash., while residing at the home of his daughter, Ida Constance (Boysen) Brons.* He was one of a family of four boys and several girls (surname Boysen), viz:

i PAUL NIELSEN BOYSEN,[1] b. 27 Sept. 1832, in Møgeltønder, Denmark.

ii JANE BOYSEN, the youngest sister, m. -------Pedersen; lived in Denmark where Niels N. Brons(29) and daughter Agnes Brons(201), son-in-law and granddaughter of Paul Nielsen Boysen,[1] visited them in 1924. The Pedersens celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary that year.

There is no information on the other sisters.

iii FREDERICK BOYSEN, m. (1st) Frederikke-------, d. at the birth of Rikke; m. (2d) Krestine Brodersen. Resided in Chicago, Ill.

Children (Boysen) by 1st wife, Frederikke-

(1)Boy, d.y.

(2)Elena, m. Soren Corydon, who after her death, m. (2d) Dagmar Thustrup, both of whom recently died.

Children (Corydon) by 1st wife, Elena-

(I)ELLA, m. Einer Crown; have two girls and a boy.

(II)HENRY, m. (?) and have two girls.

(III)ARTHUR, m. Ruth-------, farmer's daughter; have no issue.

(IV)LILLIAN, m. and has one girl.

(3)Vilhelm (Willy), farmer at Elkhorn, Ia., m. Mary Petersen, of Elkhorn, had: a boy that d.y., and two girls, one May m. -------Lang.

(4)Rikke, m. Henry Nikolaisen, cousin; lived in Clinton, Ia.

Children (Nikolaisen)-

(I)CHARLES.

(II)ROBERT.

(III)BOY.

iv AUGUST LUDVIG BOYSEN, b. 25 Aug. 1836; d. 189-/190- in Elkhorn, Ia. He m. Beate Birgitte Boysen; had no issue of their own. The couple started an orphanage in Elkhorn, Ia., in the early 1890's, from which they adopted the sisters Katherine Andersen, b. 26 Aug. 1884, who m. and went to Calif., and Anna Andersen, (deceased), b. 1887, who m. and went to Minneapolis, Minn., where Beate Birgitte (Boysen) Boysen had her home for awhile shortly before her death. Said also to have resided in Clinton, Ia., sometime prior to 1876., to where in an adjacent home, Paul Nielsen Boysen[1] moved his motherless children from Chicago, Ill.

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*Buried from the Danish Church in Enumclaw, Wash., 18 Jan. (Date and place of birth and date of death documented by item on page 100 in the Churchbook from 26 Nov. 1905 - Danish Church, Enumclaw, Wash.)

v VILHELM BOYSEN, remained in Denmark, where he m. (?); his son Vilhelm, who later went to Canada, was visited in Denmark in 1923/24, by Miss Agnes Brons(201) and her father, Niels Nissen Brons(29), at Møgeltønder.

Paul Nielsen Boysen,[1] The Immigrant, left home at the age of 18-years rather than serve an apprenticeship not to his liking. After his confirmation at Møgeltønder, Denmark, in 1849, his father bound him to a mercantile establishment to learn the business. Soon, however, having decided against following the business as a lifelong occupation, he ran away to sea. On the arrival of his ship in California, he in company with a shipmate left the vessel and obtained a berth aboard one plying between the Orient and the U. S. Prior to 1861 he came to Chicago, Ill., and sailed the Great Lakes until his retirement in 1881. It is said that he and two of his wife's brothers (Adriane Petersen's brothers) invested in a schooner on the Great Lakes which may have foundered on its trial run.

In 1861, at Chicago, Ill., Paul Nielsen Boysen married (first) ADRIANE PETERSEN, born in the summer of 1834, on Chotnabakken Farm, near-by to Farsund, Norway. She died, 10 Dec. 1872, in Chicago, Ill. He is said to have married secondly, (?), his housekeeper at Chicago, by whom there was no issue.

Sometime prior to 1876, he moved his motherless children to Clinton, Ia., and there built a home for them next that of his brother, August Ludvig Boysen, who had settled there, where they could be under the watchful eye of his brother during the months of open navigation on the Great Lakes. After his retirement he himself moved to Clinton, Ia., and there took up painting. From 1883 until his death he made his home with his daughter Ida and her family at Elkhorn, Ia., and Enumclaw, Wash.

At Clinton, Ia., Paul Nielsen Boysen and Hanna Marie (Hansen) Bruns Jensen

met and renewed old acquaintances, for both had been confirmed (1849) in the same class in the parish church at Møgeltønder, Denmark! And Ida Constance Boysen, daughter of the former, and Niels Nissen Brons(29), son of the latter and her first husband, Elias Nielsen Bruns(10), were attracted to each other and later married. It is their descendants, principally, that are enumerated in the Brons genealogy.

Adrian Petersen who became the (first) wife of Paul Nielsen Boysen, was one of a family of four children (surname Petersen), viz:

i ADRIANE PETERSEN, b. 1834 on Chotnabakken Farm near Farsund, Norway, d. 10 Dec. 1872, in Chicago, Ill., the (1st) wife of Paul Nielsen Boysen[1] there.
ii THOMAS PETERSEN, m. Henriette Antonette Olava Salomine Maalsov; settled in Chicago, Ill., where Ida Constance Boysen, who became the wife of Niels Nissen Brons(29), lived with them after her mother died.
iii ZAKARIES PETERSEN, m. Lina-------; settled in Chicago, Ill. Had (surname Petersen) 5 girls, of whom Clara and Bell were two.
iv ELISABETH PETERSEN, lost her 1st husband, by whom there was a girl named Ella; m. 2d, -------Robbinson; settled in Chicago, Ill. Had by the 2d husband (surname Robbinson): Peter, Rena and Tom.

The posterity of Paul Nielsen Boysen,[1] and wife Adriane, nee Petersen, immigrants, is represented by the descendants of the five children listed immediately following.

Children of Paul Nielsen Boysen and wife, Adriane
Born in Chicago, Ill.

i CHRISTIAN VILHELM BOYSEN, b. 22 Sept.; d. 27 Nov. 1941, in Elkhorn, Ia.; m. 17 Aug. 1890, in Elkhorn, CHRISTINE CHRISTENSEN, b. 27 July 1872, d. 24 June 1934, in Elkhorn.
Children (Boysen)-
(1)Lily Laurena, b. 16 May 1891, in Elkhorn, Ia.; m. Peter Kirk, b. 19 Feb. 1889.
Children (Kirk)-
(I)VICTOR, b. 23 Mar. 1916; m. Freida Sims.
(II)ADELINE, b. 3 Feb. 1918; m. Wayne Grabill.
(III)FOLMER, b. 9 Sept. 1919; m. Kathy Curtiss.
(IV)HARVEY, b. 5 Jan. 1921; m. Helen Hansen.

(V)ELNA, b. 25 Sept. 1922; m. Johnny Sellman.
(VI)LELAND, b. 22 July 1925; m. Jane Nastink.
(VII)NORMAN, b. 18 Dec. 1926; m. Harriet Curry.
(VIII)MARGARET, b. 8 July 1932; m. Gene Marks.
(We are indebted to Mrs. Lily Laurena Kirk for the Christian Vilhelm Boysen family history, as well as that concerning Albert Milton Boysen; to which Mrs. Marie Adriane (Brons) Larsen added.)

(2)Victor, b. 27 Jan. 1893; d. in the summer of 1912.

(3)Esther, b. 26 Oct. 1896; m. Marius Jorgensen; live in Canada.
Children (Jorgensen)-
(I)ERNA, b. 14 Dec. 1919; m. Hans Boe.
(II)CLARA, b. 30 June 1928; m. Beuth Paulsen.
(III)ARNOLD, b. 16 Nov. 1933.
(IV)LOIS, b. 31 Oct. 1935.

(4)Ernest, b. 29 Dec. 1898; m. Bonnie Peasley.
Children (Boysen)-
(I)LOUIS, b. 19 July 1924; m. Carol-------.
(II)BILLIE, b. 12 Sept. 1927; m. Gladys-------.

(5)Walter, b. 22 May 1901; m. Gladys Sievers.
Children (Boysen)-
(I)JACK, b. 20 May 1931; m. Shirley-------.
(II)CARRO, b. 14 Oct. 1937.

(6)Elmer Theodore, b. 27 Feb. 1904; m. Anne E. Krag, b. 24 Oct. 1908, reside in Enumclaw, Wash.
Children (Boysen)-
(I)PATRICIA ANN, b. 18 Mar. 1929; m. Edward Owen Hickenbottom, b. 9 Apr. 1923; both b. in Enumclaw, Wash.
Children (Hickenbottom)-
(A)Gary Michael, b. 5 Oct. 1949.
(B)Charles Edward, b. 15 Jan. 1952.
(C)Paul Louis, b. 13 Jan. 1953.
(II)DELMER, b. 6 Nov. 1933.

(7)Bernice, b. 19 Mar. 1908; m. William Laustsen; live in Puyallup, Wash.
Child (Laustsen)-
(I)RUSSELL, b. 11 Feb. 1925; m. 14 July 1945, Irene Harriet Bjorklund, b. 29 Mar. 1926.
Children (Laustsen)-
(A)Russell Mark, b. 10 Oct. 1946.
(B)Kerrie Annise, b. 21 Mar. 1948.
(C)Kim, b. 30 Mar. 1950.
(D)Sally Ann, b. 23 Oct. 1951.

* ii IDA CONSTANCE BOYSEN,[2] b. 13 Sept. 1865; m. NIELS NISSEN BRONS.

iii ALBERT MILTON BOYSEN, b. 25 May 1869; d. Oct. 1941, in Elkhorn, Ia.; n.m.

iv PAULI GERHART BOYSEN, b. 1869; d. aged 2 years.

v PALMA AUGUSTA BOYSEN, b. 10 June 1871; m. 23 Dec. 1995, Frederick Ludvig Boserup, one-time bodyguard to and Knighted before his death by, King Christian X; d. in Chicago, Ill.; she d. 25 Dec. 1951, also in Chicago. They had twin girls who d. at birth; no other issue.

(We are indebted to Mrs. Marie Adriane (Brons) Larsen for the Boysen genealogy, except as noted.)

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*Here the Boysen genealogy connects through Ida Constance,[2] above, with the Brons genealogy at Niels Nissen Brons(29), which see for her descendants.

PETER ANDREAS WILHELMSEN, OF MANDAL, NORWAY, AND SOME OF HIS DESCENDANTS IN NORWAY AND AMERICA

(Includes related families of Hagen, Sorenson and Tallaksen; also Williamson family (Anglicized from Wilhelmsen). Connects with the Bruns genealogy.)

CLARA ELIZABETH (WILHELMSEN) BRUNS

(1860 - 1940)

PETER ANDREAS WILHELMSEN and wife Anna Otilie Leland Wilhelmsen, resided in the village of Mandal, Norway, where he was the jailer. They lived in the jail in quarters provided for the jailer's family and were provided with all the necessities of life. Both died in their 50th year.

His posterity is represented by the descendants of the nine children here-

after listed, several of whom emigrated to the U. S.

Children of Peter Andreas Wilhelmsen and wife, Anna
Born in Mandal, Norway

* i CLARA ELIZABETH WILHELMSEN, b. 23 June 1860; emigrated to the U. S., arriving at Portland, Me., 11 Sept. 1894. She m. 27 Jan. 1896, at Portland, as his 2d wife, Niels Andersen Nielsen Bruns (15), b. 17 Jan. 1851, in Vesterende, Ballum Parish, Tønder County, Denmark, the eldest son of Jens Nielsen Bruns(8) and wife Kirstine Marie, nee Nicolaisen(Bapt.R.).M.R. She d. 8 Apr. 1940, in Freeport, Me., at the home of her daughter Helen (Mrs. Helen Marie (Bruns) Bedker); burial at Pine Grove Cemetery, in Falmouth, Me.

ii WILHELMA WILHELMSEN, m. in Mandal, Norway, Capt. Armand O. Sorenson, of Norway; emigrated to the U. S. when the children were small; resided in Portland, Me. for many years. Spent their 25th Wedding Anniversary at sea "rounding-the-Horn" on a square-rigger---,believed to be the last such vessel to sail around the Horn---,following which they settled in California, where the compiler in 1930, in company with Christian Tallaksen (below), visited the couple at their Pasadena home.

Children (Sorenson) born in Mandal, Norway:

(1)Sigurd Thomas, b. 9 Oct. 1882; a minister; m. in the mid-west, Sara L. Aga, minister's daughter b. 4 Oct. 1881, in Ridgeway, Ia., d. 9 Feb. 1952. He is living in Chicago, Ill., where he is Chaplain at the Bethesda Lutheran Home. (We are indebted to Rev. Sorenson for this information concerning his and his brother's families, submitted thru his cousin, Mrs. Minnie Elizabeth (Bruns) Bradbury.)

Children (Sorenson) adopted-

(I)VELMA L., b. 20 Oct. 1917, in Los Angeles, Calif.; m. Louis C. Kossuth; living in Mobile, Ala., at last accounts.

Children (Kossuth)-

(A)Karen (B)George (C)Sara (D)Susan

(II)ROBERT S., b. 14 Oct. 1924, in Montana; m. Margaret Herbert.

Children (Sorenson)-

(A)Kandi Anna (B)Sigurd

(2)Peter Otto, b. 2 Dec. 1883; m. Elizabeth-------.

Child (Sorenson)-

(I)JANE, m. -------Redd; have several children.

iii PETRA WILHELMSEN, emigrated to the U. S.; m., possibly in Portland, Me., Iver O. Hagen, b. in Norway; resided in Minnesota for many years; living in Los Angeles, Calif., in 1930, when the compiler met her at the home of Christian and Bertha (Wilhelmsen) Tallaksen (below). Died in Los Angeles.

Children (Hagen) probably born in Minn.:

(1)William (2)Carl (3)Iver (4)Boy (5)Nellie

iv WARINKA WILHELMSEN, emigrated to the U. S.; m., probably in Portland, Me., as his 2d wife, Capt. Thomas Tallaksen, b. in Norway, said to be no relation to Christian (below). Resided in Boston, Mass., and in California. The compiler in 1930, in company with Christian Tallaksen (below), visited her and her two daughters

at their Lomita, Calif. home; he then d. and she an invalid due to a fall suffered on a visit to Norway.

Children (Tallaksen) by 2d wife, Warinka, probably born in Boston, Mass.; there were other child. by the 1st wife who were probably born in Norway, one, Thelma, who spoke Norwegian, is known to have visited the Sorenson's (above) at Portland, Me.-

(1)Anna Otillia, m. -------Atkinson.

Child (Atkinson)-

(I)THOMAS

(2)Bertha, m. -------Holland.

Children (Holland)-

(I)GIRL (II)GIRL (III)GIRL

v BERTHA WILHELMSEN, emigrated to the U. S.; lived for awhile in Portland, Me.; m. in Mass., Christian Tallaksen, b. in Norway, who she knew there, said to be no relation to Capt. Thomas (above). Resided in Quincy, Mass., for many years, where he was a foreman pipe-coverer at the Fore River yard. Moved to California, where the compiler visited at their Long Beach home in 1930. She d. 12 Sept. 1951.

Children (Tallaksen) probably born in Quincy, Mass.-

(1)Norman, m. 1st, Ellen-------, which marriage ended in divorce; m. 2d, Marie-------, by whom there are no known children. He was a No.1 Loftsman at the Mare Island Navy Yard, residing at Vallejo 1929, and later a sheet metal worker residing in Oakland, Calif., when he and family were frequent visitors at the compiler's home in Berkeley, '29/'30. Said now to be a draftsman.

Children (Tallaksen) by 1st wife, Ellen-

(I)NORMAN JR. (II)MARJORIE

(2)Lillian, m. Samuel Winters, which marriage ended in divorce. Living at home in 1930 when the compiler visited the home of her parents at Long Beach; formerly resided in San Pedro.

Children (Winters)-

(I)WALLACE (II)EARL

(III)SHIRLEY, m. -------Renna.

Child (Renna)-

(A)Randall Earl, b. Jan. 1955.

vi MARIE WILHELMSEN, n.m.; d. at age of 21 years in Norway.

vii RAGNA WILHELMSEN, n.m.; a Deaconess Sister of Mercy in Norway, where she d. Known to have visited her relatives in Portland, Me., and in California, prior to 1915, while on a years' leave of absence.

viii OSCAR WILHELMSEN, emigrated to the U. S., where he Anglicized his surname (WILLIAMSON). He m., in Portland, Me., Julianna Bakke, b. in Norway; resided in Portland (and Deering), Me., having lived for a short time in Port Huron, Mich. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bakke, and the other children of their family b. in Norway, also came to Portland, Me. and settled in Deering (none known to have Anglicized (Baker) their surname). There were at least four brothers (surname Bakke) and one sister, namely: Sven, Christian, Martin, Sigurd, and Sena. Of these, Martin d. unm.; Sigurd settled in Mass.; and Sena m. (2d) Newell Hubbard, a con-

tractor of Cape Elizabeth, Me., widower with a son Dr. Newell Hubbard Jr., of Miami, Fla. Sven and Christian settled in Deering.

Children (Williamson) born in Portland, Me.:

(1)Alma, m. Walter C. Pedersen, painter, b. in Portland, Me.; living in Portland.

Children (Pedersen)-

(I)ESTELLA RUTH, a teacher and graduate of Gorham Teacher's College. She m. Dr. John McKittrick, of Oregon, who is now at Presp. Hospital, N. Y. City. Reside in Fort Lee, N. J.

Child (McKittrick)-

(A)Joan Anna, b. 11 Nov. 1954.

(II)VIRGINIA MAY, stenographer; to be m. 18 Feb. 1956, to David Bicknell, of Rockland, Me., Manager & Vice-President of Bicknell Mfg. Co., of Rockland.

(2)Ruth Jennie, was a teacher of English at St. Olaf College, Minn., and is a graduate of that college. She m. Arthur C. Fevig, a widower and City Treasurer of Moorhead, Minn., and owner of several large farms. Reside in Moorhead.

Child (Fevig)-

(I)GEORGE ARTHUR, b. 1942 (13-1/2 years old 1956).

(3)Marie, m. Benson Noice, of Ridgewood, N.J., who is employed at Chase National Bank, N. Y. City. She is employed as office supervisor in a law firm in N. Y. City. No issue.

(4)Albert Peter, unm.; Manager of the Municipal golf course at Portland, Me. in summers, in Fla. in winters.

ix EDWARD WILHELMSEN, d. at age of 9 years in Norway.

(We are indebted to Mrs. Minnie Elizabeth (Bruns) Bradbury for the collection of the foregoing information.)

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*Here the Wilhelmsen genealogy connects through Clara Elizabeth Wilhelmsen, above, with the Bruns genealogy at Niels Andersen Nielsen Bruns(15), which see for their descendants and his lineage and background.

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